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**INTERNET:** Information about the University of Alabama's athletics can be found several places on the world wide web, including the official site for Crimson Tide Athletics at RollTide.com. The Tide's booster club, The Medalist

Club, has a site at GymTide.com. For information about the University of Alabama, go to [www.ua.edu](http://www.ua.edu).

**MEDIA SERVICES:** Up-to-date rankings and meet notes will be available to working media prior to the meet. Results will be distributed following the competition. Selected coaches and gymnasts will be brought into the interview room following all home meets.

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Life on the University of Alabama campus is defined by opportunities. If you want to get involved, join one of more than 300 student organizations, help plan concerts and speaker series, participate in intramural teams or run for student government.

If you enjoy the arts, you can take advantage of a rich and varied schedule of musical, dance and theatre performances, art galleries and exhibitions, lectures and readings by writers, poets and experts on every topic imaginable. You can enrich your knowledge of the state and University's history by visiting one of UA's fine museums, which house countless historical artifacts and offer hands-on exploration opportunities.

From the architecture on campus to the landscaping, The University of Alabama campus is one of the most beautiful places in the state of Alabama.

The Ferguson Center, completed in 1973, was named for Hill Ferguson, a member of the Board of Trustees. Plans at the time called for the building to be constructed over Woods Hall, but it was built just to the north thanks to a student campaign to save the art building.

The Ferguson Center Game Room located on the first floor is the perfect place to unwind, test your skill at a video game, play a friendly game of pool or ping-pong, or enter a campus tournament. With seven pool tables, video games, a ping-pong table, computer gaming and televisions, the Game Room offers a fun escape to the daily pressures of college life.

The University of Alabama offers a complete educational, cultural and social experience. Whatever your interests, you'll find a group, an organization, an activity or a program that will appeal to you at UA.

The Student Recreation Center offers first-class recreation facilities to students, faculty and staff. It includes two multi-use gyms, nine multi-purpose courts, weight machines, 1/8-mile jogging track, extensive cardio area, locker rooms, indoor swimming pool, dry and steam saunas, 12 lighted tennis courts, four aerobics rooms, eight racquetball courts and a squash court—together encompassing more than 200,000 square feet. The facility's outdoor aquatic area, which opened in the summer of 2003, features a lazy river, lap swim, large water-park-type slide and lots of deck space.

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CAMPUS**







Life at The Capstone is full of opportunities ...



from athletic events and cultural experiences ...



to Greek life and everything in between.

# TOP RANKED

The University of Alabama has ranked among the top 50 public universities in the nation in U.S. News and World Report's annual college rankings for more than a decade. UA is ranked 31st, its highest ranking ever, in the 2012 rankings.

The University of Alabama ranked 6th in the nation among public universities in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars in the 2010 freshman class.

Enrollment at The University of Alabama reached a record high of 31,747 for fall 2011. The entering freshman class, at 5,772 students, is the largest in UA history.

The University of Alabama has a dramatic impact on the economy of Alabama, returning three dollars for every one dollar invested in the University by the State. UA each year contributes \$1.8 billion to the state's economy.

The UA School of Law is ranked 35th in the nation in U.S. News and World Report's 2012 edition of the annual "Best Graduate Schools" publication. The Manderson Graduate School of Business ranks 32nd among public universities and 63rd among all universities, in the same publication.

The University of Alabama led the nation with a record 10 students named to USA Today's 2010 All-USA College Academic Team. UA has had great success in placing students on this national team that honors the "best of the best" undergraduate academic all-stars from across the nation, having placed 46 students on the team since 2003. In addition to this year, UA also had the most students on the list in 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2009 and tied for the top spot in 2007.

UA is regularly ranked among the top 100 public universities in Kiplinger's annual list of colleges and universities that combine "great academics and affordable tuition."

The University of Alabama's graduates and students include 15 Rhodes Scholars, 34 Goldwater Scholars, 12 Truman Scholars, 21 Hollings Scholars, two Javits Fellows, one Udall Scholar and one Portz Scholar.

PRWeek Magazine has recognized the public relations program at The University of Alabama as one of the top five programs in the nation each of the last three years.

Participation in original research and creative activities is becoming a hallmark of the undergraduate experience at The University of Alabama. More than 250 undergraduates showcased their research and creative activity projects at UA's spring 2009 "Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Conference."

University of Alabama students are committed to community service: In the 2009-2010 academic year, some 15,100 UA students completed more than 710,000 hours of community service with more than 120 community partners. Additional, 120 UA faculty members offered service-learning courses, and an estimated 5,300 students participated in them.

The University of Alabama has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement.

# MAL M. MOORE

## A T H L E T I C S D I R E C T O R

The University of Alabama's Director of Athletics since 1999, Mal Moore has made an indelible mark on one of the nation's most storied athletic programs, leading a department that has enjoyed tremendous success athletically and academically while enjoying an unprecedented period of growth during his tenure.

Through his guidance, Alabama's athletic department remains focused on his vision of having all Crimson Tide athletic teams and student-athletes competitive at the highest level nationally while continuing to elevate athletic facilities at the Capstone to premier status nationally for all sports.

During his tenure as Director of Athletics, Moore has overseen more than \$200 million of capital improvements to University of Alabama athletic facilities. Those projects have encompassed the entire scope of all Crimson Tide athletic programs and have benefitted every Alabama student-athlete, coach, and administrator.

Throughout his multi-faceted career, Moore has worked with a diversified field of constituents, from fellow coaches and former players, to fans and the business community. All of those experiences and relationships - in addition to his ability to unify those many constituents - have made him the ideal person to lead Alabama athletics in the 21st century.



His leadership has been crucial in helping guide Alabama through a period that has been, at times, extremely challenging. His guidance and effort helped Alabama athletics weather the storm, while continuing to move in a positive direction toward a future that holds great promise.

Moore's dedication to, and love of, the University of Alabama was recognized on March 28, 2007, when as a permanent tribute to his lifelong contributions to the University of Alabama, the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama System officially dedicated the facility formerly known as The Football Building as the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility.

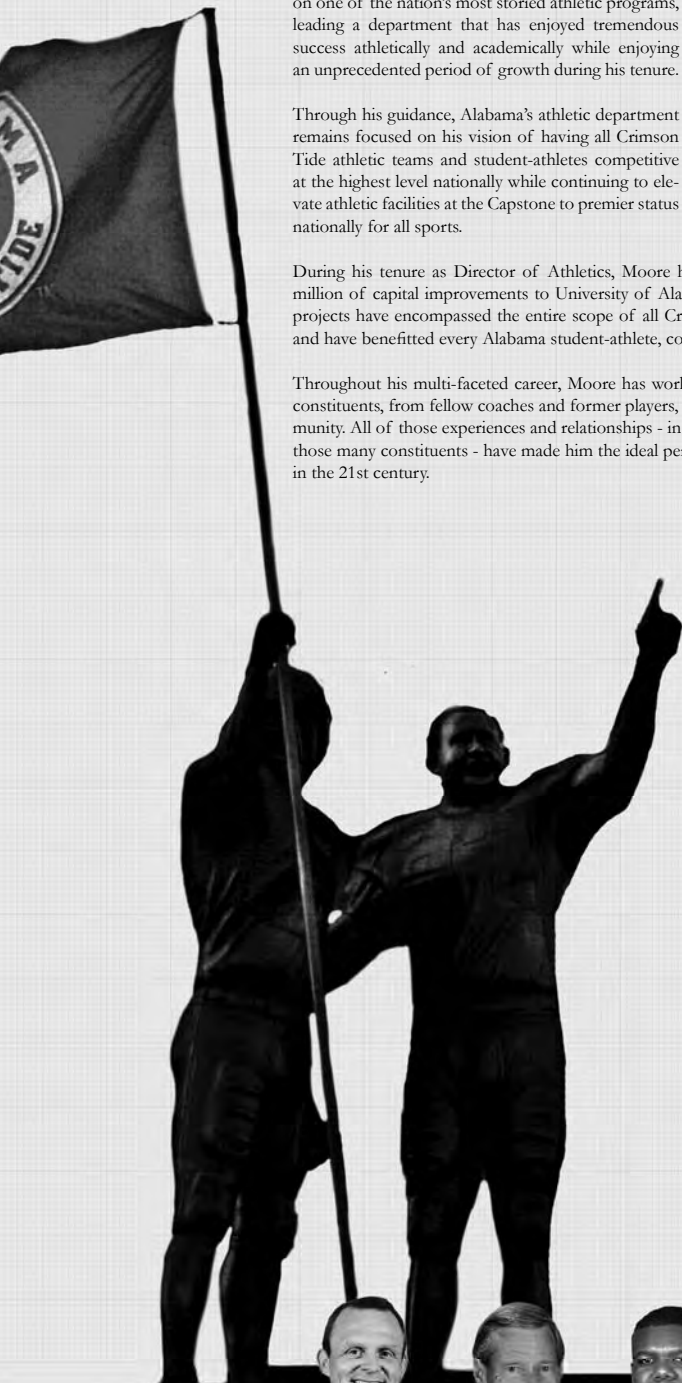
Under Moore's direction, Alabama's athletic teams have produced three national championships - the 2009 football title and the 2002 and 2011 NCAA gymnastics championships - as well as several Southeastern Conference championships, winning titles in football, gymnastics, men's basketball, women's golf, men's golf, men's cross country, baseball and softball; taking SEC tournament titles in both baseball and softball. Alabama athletes have earned some of the highest honors the SEC and NCAA have to offer, including SEC Athlete of the Year, SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, NCAA Today's Top VIII, NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and NCAA Sportsperson of the Year. These honors are over and above the individual conference and national titles that Alabama athletes continue to bring home to the Capstone on a regular basis.

In addition to making his mark on Alabama, Moore has also had a national impact as a key member of several prestigious NCAA and college football committees. Moore has served on the NCAA Division I Football Issues Committee, the SEC Athletic Directors Bowl Advisory Committee and the Big Six Conferences Minority Coaches Forum.

Moore's distinguished record of service to UA began more than 50 years ago when he joined the Crimson Tide football squad as a scholarship player for Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant from 1958-62. Moore has the distinction of being a part of eight national championship teams (1961, 1964, 1965, 1973, 1978, 1979, 1992 and 2009) with the first coming as a player, the next six during his coaching career and the most recent during his tenure as director of athletics. As a player and coach, he was also part of 14 SEC championships and 27 bowl trips. He is the only individual connected with the Alabama program to be a part of eight national championships.

During a coaching career that spanned 31 years, Moore spent 22 of those at Alabama with stops at Montana State, Notre Dame and the NFL's St. Louis/Phoenix Cardinals. At Alabama, Moore started as a graduate assistant under Coach Bryant in 1964, then as defensive backfield coach for six seasons (1965-70) before becoming quarterbacks coach from 1971-82, serving as the Tide's first offensive coordinator starting in 1975. He would go on to coordinate all of the offensive plays for several of Alabama's national championship football teams.

A 1963 graduate of the University of Alabama, Moore holds both an undergraduate degree in sociology and a 1964 Master's degree in secondary education from the Capstone. Moore was born December 19, 1939, in Dozier, Ala. He and the late Mrs. Charlotte Moore have one daughter, Mrs. Steve (Heather) Cook of Scottsdale, Ariz., a granddaughter, Anna Lee, and a grandson, Charles Cannon.



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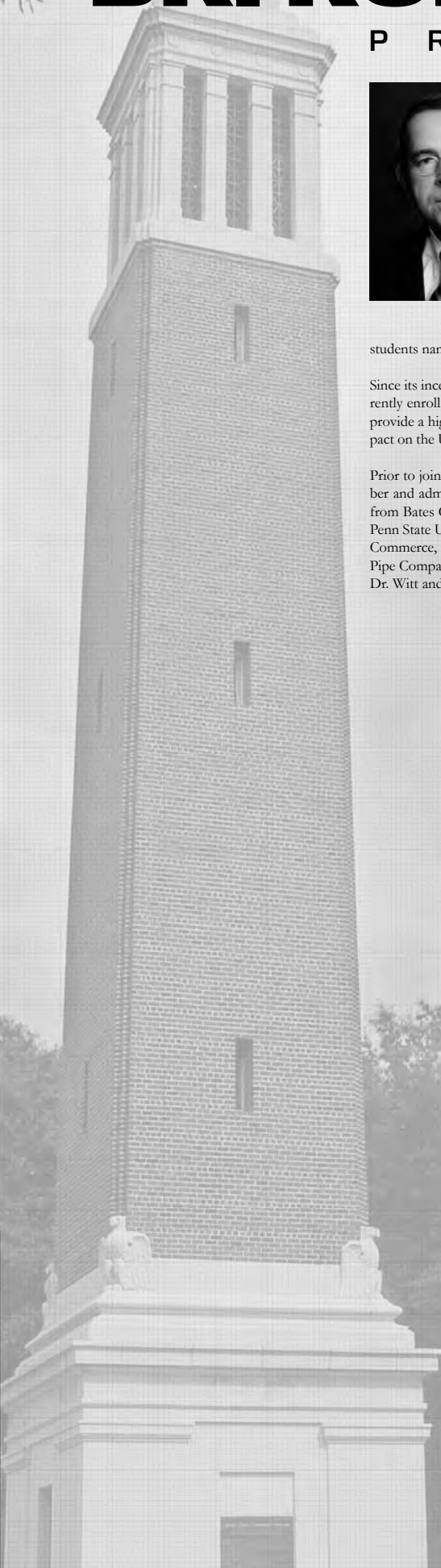
As president of the University of Alabama, Dr. Robert E. Witt has committed the University to an ambitious plan for academic growth and achievement.

His goals include increasing enrollment by recruiting academically talented students from Alabama and across the country, stimulating significant growth in research and strongly supporting the state's economic development efforts. Under his leadership, enrollment has reached record levels and now numbers more than 30,000.

Academic quality and scholarship opportunities for deserving students have increased significantly. The University ranks 6th nationally among public universities in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars and leads the nation in the number of students named to USA Today's All-USA College Academic Teams.

Since its inception in 2003, the University's Honors College has grown exponentially, and currently enrolls more than 1,300 freshmen each year. UA's loyal alumni and friends continue to provide a high level of support to the University, with private giving having an important impact on the University's ability to fund scholarships, faculty support and construction projects.

Prior to joining the University of Alabama in 2003, Dr. Witt spent 35 years as a faculty member and administrator in the University of Texas System. He received his B.A. in economics from Bates College, his M.B.A. from Tuck School at Dartmouth College, and his Ph.D. from Penn State University. He serves on the boards of directors of the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce, the Black Warrior Council Boy Scouts of America, and the American Cast Iron Pipe Company. He is a member of the Tuscaloosa County Industrial Development Authority. Dr. Witt and his wife, Sandee, have five grandchildren.





# TRIPLE CROWN: ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES A CHAMPION



It was the perfect moment.

The Alabama Crimson Tide - gymnasts, coaches, managers, trainers and all - standing in front of the first place banner at the national championships, holding their golden trophy high while a rowdy throng of Tide fans cheered them mightily from the stands of the Wolstein Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

That moment was the pinnacle of a journey that began in August when the freshmen reported to campus, joining nine returnees. From that moment Sarah Patterson and company went about the task of building its latest team, starting down a road that ultimately culminated in the Tide claiming its fifth national championship.

"To have everything come together like it did - to win SECs, regionals and then the national championship - it was a dream come true," Sarah Patterson said. "I don't think I could have asked for a better year with a more rewarding, talented and unified team, or a more perfect ending to an amazing season."

That's not to say that Alabama was perfect on its way to winning its fifth NCAA Championship. There were bumps along the way, but the manner in which the team handled the adversity, coming together as a team, staying positive and looking ahead with confidence, made all the difference.

"The moment that really stands out to me was when Kayla Hoffman fell off beam in the Super

Six Finals and we still had Sarah DeMeo and Geralen Stack-Eaton to compete," Patterson said. "We knew that if we had to count that fall we'd

keep the championship within reach," Patterson said.

As big as DeMeo and Stack-Eaton hitting their routines was, it was Hoffman's reaction to her fall that told Patterson the national championship was within their grasp.

"There was a time when Kayla as a competitor would not have been able to handle her disappointment of falling that way," Patterson said. "For me as a coach, I knew we had come great distances and that Kayla's reaction after she made that mistake was a turning point for our team."

For Hoffman, the knowledge that her teammates had her back and would lift her up if she made a mistake grew throughout the season and by the time they reached the championship season, it was absolute.

"It's sports. Sports are going to be messy. Sports are never going to be completely perfect," Hoffman said.

"It's what you do from that. It's how you recover from a mistake, or a little slip-up, how you recover, how you work together, that is most important. It is a team sport and you have to work together. When one person messes up, the next person has to step in for them. It's a different person every meet. Nobody can be perfect every single night. It does come down to that trust. We knew, without a doubt, that we were going to have each other's back. We all had so much cohesion and camaraderie. It was so easy to say 'it's okay, I've got you,



be out of contention. When Kayla came off the beam, she smiled at me, looked at Sarah and with a sense of confidence and purpose, said 'You got this.'"

Hoffman's confidence in her teammates settled DeMeo, a freshman competing at her first national championships, keeping her from getting rattled.

"Kayla relaxed Sarah in a way that no coach could do and I felt 100-percent confident that Sarah and Geralen would make their routines and



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-Kayla Hoffman



no problem’ and let it roll off our back. When we encountered adversity, that’s how we did it each time and it seemed to work.”

While Alabama’s beam set in the Super Six Team finals is the moment that stands out in Sarah Patterson’s mind, it was the next rotation, with Alabama on the floor exercise and defending champion UCLA on the balance beam just a few feet away that is burned in the minds of everyone who saw the epic, down-to-the-wire battle that determined who would be the 2011 national champions.

After being tied with the Bruins at the half-way point of the meet, the Tide went into the final rotation with a slim .025 lead. To add to the drama that was about to unfold, Oklahoma had already posted a 197.250 team score, and was sitting on a bye during the sixth and final rotation, waiting to

scoop up their first title if Alabama and UCLA opened the door.

“Going into the last event I wanted to help the ladies stay focused on being calm and knowing that if they could do their routines to the best of their ability, we could come out as champions,” Patterson said. “I think when you get in the heat of the moment you don’t want anyone to be scared. You want them to be confident and to know that they have this. It was great to be on floor exercise because it’s an event you can go all out on.”

As arguably the most exciting final rotation in championship history began to unfold, the Tide and Bruins opened with matching scores of 9.85 before UCLA tied the meet when their second gymnast scored a 9.825 to Alabama’s 9.8. The Bruins moved ahead by .025 after their third

gymnast scored a 9.875 and Alabama answered with a 9.850. The Tide took the lead back with its next routine before Geralen Stack-Eaton, who would go on to win the NCAA Floor Exercise Championship the next night during individual event finals, extended the Tide’s lead with a 9.925, the highest floor score of the day to that point. From there, it was up to Hoffman. A hit routine and Alabama would complete its championship sweep. Hoffman did more than just hit her routine, she nailed it, posting a 9.95 to push Alabama to a 197.650 and a .275 margin of victory over the Bruins.

“I knew when Kayla landed that last pass that we had won,” Patterson said. “There was a sense of sheer excitement and joy in knowing that we’d helped these young women achieve the dream of a lifetime.”

## CHAMPIONSHIP VISITORS



In the days that followed Alabama’s seventh Southeastern Conference Championship, the Crimson Tide gymnastics team received many congratulatory messages from fans, alumni and other teams at the Capstone. There were also three members of the Alabama Athletics family who made a special trip to visit with the gymnasts as they prepared for the NCAA Championships.

Director of Athletics Mal Moore, who as a player, coach and administrator at Alabama has earned eight national football championship rings during his career, was the first to stop by and congratulate the newly crowned SEC champions.



“We’re so very proud of what you were able to accomplish,” Moore said. “To win an SEC Championship is always a tremendous accomplishment.”

Nick Saban, who coached the Alabama football team to SEC and national championships in the fall of 2009, visited with the team the day before the NCAA Regional Championships. Saban, who also spoke to Sarah Patterson’s charges after the gymnasts won the 2009 SEC title, encouraged them to keep their focus not on the expectations of others, but on the process that had led them to success to that point.

After Alabama won its 26th NCAA Regional



title, second-year men’s basketball coach Anthony Grant, who led the Tide to the finals of the NIT Championships last season, stopped by practice. During his visit, he congratulated the gymnasts and encouraged them to continue down the path of their success, focusing on the things that have made them successful to this point.

“Coach Moore, Coach Saban and Coach Grant are all extremely busy and I know that it meant a tremendous amount to our ladies to have them come by and not only congratulate us on winning a championship, but also share their experience as championship coaches,” Patterson said.

So how did a team that lost four All-Americans to graduation, and a fifth, Ashley Priess, to ankle surgery in the fall, and had a championship lineup that included 13 routines that weren't in the mix the year before, win all three postseason titles? Perhaps Kayla Hoffman summed it up best in the moments after clinching the championship sweep for the Tide.

"Sometimes, it's not about talent, it's about heart," she told CBS' Amanda Borden. "Because we're so close - that made the difference."

While Hoffman and her teammates finished off their season in Cleveland, Ohio, their first two championship outings took place much closer to home.

Alabama opened up the postseason at the SEC Championships just up the road from the Capstone at the BJCC Arena in Birmingham, Ala. While the Tide started and finished its NCAA Championship run with towering scores, Alabama started the SEC Championships with a solid uneven bars score of 49.150. From there, the Tide began to build, posting higher scores on each successive event, culminating in an outstanding 49.500 vault total. Unlike the NCAA Championships, Alabama had to sit on a bye during the last rotation with a final score of 197.225, waiting to see if the Florida Gators, the nation's No. 1 ranked team and the defending SEC champions, could catch them. Moments like that could be tension filled, but for Alabama that final rotation was spent in their corral, in a circle, facing each other, talking and laughing as the meet played out around them. The Gators produced a 49.4 on the vault, and a 196.975 overall, giving Alabama its seventh SEC Championship and second in three years. More importantly, the win gave the Tide confidence going forward.

"Our focus tonight was one routine at a time," Patterson said after the meet. "Our ladies really didn't focus on anything outside the team; they



didn't even know until I told them that they were the SEC Champions. I hope this team knows now that they can do anything they set their mind to."

In addition to winning the vault, Hoffman was named the SEC Gymnast of the Year and the SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year, marking the first time a gymnast has won both awards in the same season. Stack-Eaton also took home SEC championship hardware after winning the balance beam and floor exercise.

If the SEC Championships were close to home, the next round was closer still as Coleman Coliseum played host to the NCAA Regional Championships. And while it may seem that the Tide is automatic when it comes to regional titles, having won an NCAA-best 26 over the past 29 years, it is a meet that Sarah Patterson never takes lightly.

"I think there is more pressure at the regional championships than at any other point in the postseason," Patterson said. "You have to do your job if you want to advance. As everyone has improved and the fields get tougher and tougher, if you have an off night at a regional these days, your season is probably over."

The Tide more than did their job at the Tuscaloosa regional, advancing to the NCAA Championships with a 197.275, more than a point ahead of its nearest competitor. Alabama was led by Hoffman, who won four out of the five individual titles, and Stack-Eaton, who gave Alabama the sweep by winning the fifth. Its regional score propelled Alabama to its 29th consecutive NCAA Championship and set the table for Alabama's latest triple crown.

## A HAPPY HOMECOMING



When the Alabama gymnastics team flew out of Tuscaloosa on their way to the national championships, 29 of the 30 seats on its charter flight were filled. When the Crimson Tide flew back home from Cleveland, Ohio after the championship, all 30 seats were taken, with the last seat reserved for Alabama's fifth NCAA Championship trophy.

When the 2011 NCAA Champions returned to Tuscaloosa they found a vocal crowd of more than 250 fans on hand at the Dixie Air Terminal



to greet them, one that included UA Director of Athletics Mal Moore.

Kayla Hoffman, the national gymnast of the year, led the Tide off the plane holding Alabama's NCAA Championship trophy high over her head as she stepped out of the plane to huge cheers. She was followed closely by the rest of Alabama's national championship squad. The Tide mingled with fans and athletic department officials before heading home, tired but ecstatic, from three triumphant days in Cleveland.



# NCAA CHAMPION GERALEN STACK-EATON



Geralen Stack-Eaton won Alabama's fifth NCAA Floor Exercise Title in 2011.

On the final day of the NCAA Championships, Geralen Stack-Eaton didn't know how good her final floor exercise routine of the weekend was, she just knew how tired she was.

"I was so exhausted by that point, I'm not really sure how I finished my routine," she said. "So when my score came up, I was like, 'ok, I guess it was a pretty good routine.'"

Notoriously hard on herself, Stack-Eaton's idea of a "pretty good routine" scored a 9.9375 on the floor in individual event finals of the national championships.

As the fourth out of 12 routines, she had to wait to see if anyone could match her score. A total of eight gymnasts competed after Stack-Eaton, and as each score came up, it became evident that she had a chance to win. Three of her opponents posted 9.9s, but going into the last routine of the night, no one drew any closer and when the final gymnast scored a 9.850, Stack-Eaton had earned the Tide's 22nd individual national championship.

"When the last score went up, Bryan (Raschilla) said, 'you're the national champion,'" she said. "I was kind of like, oh, yeah, I guess I am."

She was equally low-key with the media in the press conference that followed.

"Obviously, it was a really good weekend for our team," Stack-Eaton said. "Today was just about having fun. Bars didn't go as well as I would have liked, but it was really nice to end on a good note on the floor."

Stack-Eaton was excited to share that "good note" with one member of the crowd in particular.

"It was really cool to have my mom there," Stack-Eaton. "It took a long time for me to get to where I am, especially on floor where I never really



danced my routine like I could. She was always getting on me to do it like I was capable of. So all her encouragement finally paid off and I was so glad she was there to see it."

For Sarah Patterson, Stack-Eaton's title was indicative of how the junior had competed all season.

"I think for Geralen, winning an individual championship was a tremendous honor," Patterson

said. "I think it was icing on the cake and a little bit more recognition for someone who has done a great job within our program in leading us to a team championship."

Even before the NCAA Individual Event Finals, it had already been an amazing season for Stack-Eaton. She was one of the Tide's leaders throughout the regular season, posting a career-high and one of the nation's best all-around scores, 39.675, during a powerhouse performance against Kentucky in which she won the all-around, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. The very next week at Georgia, she posted a 39.650 in the all-around to lead the Tide to another victory.

She then turned it up a notch at the Southeastern Conference Championships, winning the balance beam and floor exercise, leading Alabama to its seventh SEC team title along the way. In addition to her two individual titles, she earned first-team All-SEC honors.

She kept things rolling at the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional Championships where she won the balance beam with a career-high 9.95, the highest score of any of the six regional sites across the country.

On the first night of the national championships, she helped propel Alabama to the NCAA Super Six Team Finals, and a shot at the team title, with another strong showing, finishing third overall in the all-around along the way.

The next night, Stack-Eaton and her teammates put the finishing touches on what had been an extraordinary season, winning Alabama's fifth NCAA Championship. Stack-Eaton led the way with a 39.475 in the all-around, the second highest score of the night.



# A PRESIDENTIAL CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION



Dr. Robert E. Witt and his wife Sandee with the 2011 NCAA Champions

University of Alabama President Dr. Robert E. Witt and his wife Sandee honored the 2011 NCAA Champion Alabama gymnastics team with a celebratory dinner just prior to the start of fall classes at the President's Mansion on the UA campus.

"We're very proud of all you have accomplished and the way you represent this University," Dr. Witt told the gymnasts prior to the meal which celebrated Alabama's fifth national championship since 1988.

Alabama Director of Athletics Mal Moore, who was also on hand for the dinner, added his congratulations, saying that under coaches Sarah and David Patterson, the gymnastics program "continues to excel, both in the classroom and in the athletic arena, year in and year out, and I'm proud of you."

The dinner was originally slated to be held on April 28, but the tornado that struck Tuscaloosa the day before, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake, caused it to be postponed until the start of the new academic year.

"It's an honor for us to be here in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Witt, celebrating our championship season," Sarah Patterson said. "This was such a special evening for our ladies, one I know they will long remember."



Geren Stack-Eaton and Dr. Robert E. Witt



David and Sarah Patterson with Mal Moore



Bryan Raschilla, Dana Duckworth, Dr. Robert E. Witt, Sandee Witt and Sarah and David Patterson



# AUTOGRAPHS AND THE HONDA AWARD



Sarah Patterson, Kayla Hoffman and Allyson Edwards .

The 2011 NCAA and Southeastern Conference Champions gathered on the University Quad on September 26 to sign autographs prior to the Alabama-Arkansas game.

Kayla Hoffman, who enjoyed a season for the ages in 2011, was honored at the beginning of halftime as one of eight UA student-athletes to earn Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American honors last season.

After that first presentation, Hoffman was honored with the 2011 Honda Award, given annually to the nation's top gymnast, by Allyson Edwards, Division Manager for Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, with 101,871 fans looking on and cheering.





# THE HOMECOMING PARADE



The 2011 NCAA and Southeastern Conference Champions were a prime feature in the annual Homecoming parade prior to the Alabama-Vanderbilt football game, traveling down the main thoroughfare of campus and sporting their SEC Championship rings, which they received just minutes before boarding their float from Sarah Patterson, adding a little “bling” to the parade.



# PUTTING A CHAMPIONSHIP RING ON IT



The 2011 NCAA Champions received their championship rings on Saturday, October 22, from UA Director of Athletics Mal Moore during halftime of the Alabama-Tennessee football game in front of 101,000-plus fans in Bryant-Denny Stadium.

"To be able to stand in front of 101,000 fans as national champions is what you strive for every day as both an athlete and a coach," Sarah Patterson said. "For David and I, this was the 10th time we have received championship rings during an Alabama football halftime, and I can tell you the feeling never gets old and that we were as excited to share this moment with this team as we were with our very first championship team in 1988."

As each gymnast's name was announced, the cheers of the capacity crowd reached near deafening proportions and the smiles were wide and constant as the gymnasts, coaches and staff reached the sidelines, slipped on their rings and admired each other's championship "bling."







# KAYLA HOFFMAN: FINISHING STRONG



SEC Commissioner Mike Slive, Kayla Hoffman and CBS' Verne Lundquist.

As an incoming freshman, Kayla Hoffman's gymnastics resume was full of impressive accomplishments that promised a bright future for her Crimson Tide career. After being homeschooled since the fourth grade and with limited experience outside the gym, life outside gymnastics was going to be something of a learning experience for the Union, N.J., native.

"I came in and I had never really gone through a drive-thru," Hoffman said. "I was afraid to order a pizza or order Chinese food on the phone. I was very awkward, very naïve and shy, but also very positive and giggly."

Flash forward four years and a much more experienced Kayla Hoffman has enjoyed a career that has been full of growth as a gymnast, a student and as a person. And though she may be a very different person today in terms of the confidence and strength her life experiences have given her, that penchant to giggle and smile is still very much alive.

"I still have the laughter; I still have a very positive outlook, but I found my center here at Alabama," Hoffman said. "I found myself. I know what I want to do and who I want to be. You can't learn that in a classroom. You can't learn that many places, but coming here, being with the people that we have here, the wonderful people, the wonderful fans, the experience you gain by being on a team of excellence is extraordinary."

For Hoffman, it wasn't just about being on a team, it was being on the right team.

"There is a difference between just being on a team and being on a team that is always striving for excellence," Hoffman said. "There's really nothing you can learn in a classroom that teaches you that, but being on this team has been the most amazing experi-



ence. I leave here very confident that I'm going to make a difference in the world and I'm going to make everybody proud."

Sarah Patterson is already proud of what Hoffman has done with her life and the person she has become.

"When Kayla first came to Alabama, she was a young girl," Patterson said. "And now she leaves the University as an accomplished woman that has the world at her fingertips."

Despite her relative inexperience with drive-thrus and other staples of college life, success came early and often for Hoffman, both in the gym and the classroom. In her first meet she competed in the all-around and by mid-season she had scored a career-high 9.975 on the vault on the road at UCLA. She finished the season as a first team All-American on the vault. She also shone in the classroom, posting a perfect 4.0 grade point average for her freshman year and earning Scholastic All-American honors.

"I think to come in as she did, after being homeschooled for so long, and to make that kind of transition back into the classroom was really remarkable," Patterson said. "It was also a testament to Kayla, and all the hard work she put in and the way she embraced the resources that were put at her disposal."

Slowed by offseason shoulder surgery as a sophomore, Hoffman came on strong down the stretch, scoring 9.9s or better in 14 of the 17 vault and uneven bars routines she competed in the Tide's lineup, including a pair of 9.9s in the NCAA Championships Super Six Team Finals.

As a junior, she was once again a mainstay of the Tide's vault, uneven bars and floor exercise lineups, finishing the season as a first-team All-American on the uneven bars and by earning Scholastic All-American honors for the third year in a row.

A success by any measure through her first three years at the Capstone, it was during her senior year that Hoffman's career turned incandescent.

With the loss of four All-Americans to graduation the previous spring and a fifth, Ashley Priess, to ankle surgery in the preseason, Hoffman stepped up into more of a leadership role with the Tide. She started off the season back in the all-around for the first time since her freshman season, tying her best in

the all-around in the first meet and bettering it three meets later. She led the team in routines in competition during the regular season and posted five scores of 39.450 or better in the all-around, including a career-high 39.675 at Georgia. She was named the SEC Gymnast of the Week twice on the way to winning 18 individual event titles during the regular season.

As it turns out, Hoffman was just getting started. At the SEC Championships she won the vault with a 9.95, helping the Tide to its seventh team title. After the meet, she was honored as the SEC Gymnast of the Year and the SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She was also named the NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year after leading Alabama to its 26th regional title by winning the all-around, vault, uneven bars and floor exercise.

Hoffman continued to roll at the NCAA Championships, leading the Tide to its fifth national title and earning first-team All-American honors in the all-around, vault and balance beam. She was the NCAA runner-up in the all-around and balance beam. Proclaiming that her last routine on all four events were among her best, she was particularly proud of her last beam routine.

"Beam had definitely been kind of my Achilles heel throughout my career," Hoffman said. "I couldn't quite get it together. So I'm really proud of the fact that I was able to get it together for the team. All season, they needed me on that event and I was just so proud to finally get into the groove and do my best. That last routine, I was so calm. I was so confident. I was just doing my thing. I remember landing the routine and feeling that moment of 'that was perfect.'"

That confidence, and all she accomplished because of it, led to a slew of the accolades once the season was over. She earned the Bryant Award, given annually to the UA Athletics Department's top student-athlete. Voted co-captain along with Gerialen Stack-Eaton by her teammates, Hoffman won the Honda Award, which is given annually to the nation's top gymnast, and was also named the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year.

During the summer, by a vote of the league's athletics directors, she was named the SEC Female Athlete of the Year.

"At the University of Alabama, we strive to perform at a championship level in everything we do, and Kayla is certainly a fine example of that, having proven herself a champion in the gym, the classroom and in the community again and again," UA Director of Athletics Mal Moore said. "The Southeastern Conference stands at the very pinnacle of collegiate athletics across the board and to have Kayla recognized as the SEC Female Athlete of the Year makes us very proud."

Hoffman's highest honor was yet to come. In November, she earned the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award, which recognizes eight senior student-athletes, regardless of gender or NCAA division, for their success in all areas of the collegiate experience.

"From leading the Crimson Tide to its fifth national gymnastics championship, to maintaining a 4.0 grade point average throughout her career and being named the Academic All-American of the Year, to using her strong, positive presence to make a difference in the community around her, Kayla has demonstrated a balance of excellence that makes her more than worthy of this honor and her place among the NCAA Today's Top VIII," UA President Dr. Robert E. Witt said.

For all the individual accolades that came her way during her extraordinary senior season, Hoffman has never forgotten what she and her teammates were able to accomplish together.

"I cannot emphasize enough that this moment isn't mine alone," Hoffman said after accepting the SEC Female Athlete of the Year trophy at the league's Legends Dinner in December. "It also belongs to each of my teammates; I am here because of them. Together, through the tears and the victories, the toughest practices and the brightest times in the spotlight, we became champions."

For Patterson, who watched her grow into an assured, strong, confident woman over the last four years, the honors that have come Hoffman's way are no surprise.

"I think Kayla is the perfect example of the overall balance of our program," Patterson said. "All the awards and acclaim that came her way were because she was dedicated, motivated and above all I think she had a sense of pride in herself and her program."



## KAYLA HOFFMAN HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2012 NCAA Today's Top VIII
- 2010-11 SEC Female Athlete of the Year
- 2011 Honda Award winner
- Captain of Alabama's 2011 NCAA, NCAA Regional and SEC Championship gymnastics team
- 2011 Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year
- 2011 Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American
- 2011 Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District IV At-Large First Team
- Five-time All-American
- 2011 NCAA All-Around Runner-up
- 2011 NCAA Balance Beam Runner-up
- Clinched Alabama's fifth NCAA team title with a 9.95 on the floor exercise
- 2011 SEC Gymnast of the Year
- 2011 SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- First league athlete to earn SEC Gymnast of the Year and SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year in the same season
- 2011 Bryant Student-Athlete Award
- NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner
- SEC Postgraduate Scholarship winner
- 2011 SEC Vault Champion
- Four-year All-SEC honoree
- 2011 NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year
- Won four of five events at the 2011 NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional, including the all-around, pushing her career title to seven
- Four-year coaches' association Scholastic All-American
- Four-year member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll
- 2011 Outstanding Senior in Child Life Award from the Department of Human Development and Family Studies
- Carried a career 4.0 grade point average in Human Development and Family Studies
- In 2011, she won 29 event titles and scored 9.90 or better 30 times
- For her career, she won 55 events and scored 9.9 or better 78 times

### Community Service:

- Huntsville (Ala.) Women and Children Hospital
- The DCH Regional Medical Center
- The Children's Health System, Association of Child Life
- The Stallings RISE Center
- Camp Daybreak Bereavement Camp
- Member of Alabama's Student-Athlete Advisory Board



# A VERY CROWDED HOUSE: ALABAMA GYMNASTICS FANS



For Alabama gymnasts, competing at home is electrifying. Marching into Coleman Coliseum, hearing their names called one by one as 13,000-plus fans roar their approval - it is an experience like no other. For most of them, it is the largest crowd they have ever competed in front of.

"Our ladies have worked, for some since they were four and five years old, in relative obscurity," Sarah Patterson said. "They don't get near the recognition during their club careers, even at the Elite level, that they will here. I think the recognition they get here is one of the nicer aspects of their careers."

That fan support is constantly reaching new heights. Last season, Alabama averaged over 12,000 fans per meet for the fourth time in school history and in 2010 the Tide averaged a school and Southeastern Conference record 13,786 fans per meet.

The last two years have also seen Alabama rank second among all women's collegiate athletics programs. In fact, in all of women's collegiate athletics, there are only a handful of programs over the past 20 years that enjoy the level of fan support that Alabama gymnastics does. The Tide is perennially among the top-2 women's programs in attendance.

In 2008, Alabama made history when it became the first school in gymnastics history to draw two crowds of over 15,000 fans in a single season. In 2006, Alabama set a new school and Southeastern Conference single-meet record of 15,162.

"Our fans love when we win," Patterson said. "And they love when we bring home championships, but they are just as appreciative of our success in other areas as well. People like that we have a well-rounded program. Our fans come in the years we finish second, third or fifth at the national championships as much as they do the years we win it all. I think that's because of what the program stands for. The fans appreciate the

type of people who are involved in the program, the emphasis on community involvement and academics; it's the total package. That's why people support us, there's not any one reason."

That appreciation is a two-way street. Alabama gymnasts are mindful of how great their fan base is. It is one factor that draws athletes to the Tide.

"Our crowds are so special and you really can't replicate it anywhere else," 2011 Honda Award winner Kayla Hoffman said. "It's just an amazing feeling. We have amazing fans and an amazing atmosphere. I'll definitely miss running out and feeling like you were a part of something great."

Outstanding fan support can push a good team to greatness and a great team to championships, a fact that Patterson and the Alabama gymnastics program can well attest. The Crimson Tide has won three NCAA Championships at home in front of some of the biggest crowds in NCAA history.

The trip from Alabama's inaugural meet in 1975 to the packed houses of the past dozen years has been a long one. Success in terms of "box office totals" came gradually, built by each generation of Alabama gymnasts.

"I remember in the early days, looking up into the stands between rotations and being able to count the crowd . . . easily," Patterson said. "But we worked at it, every year, in ways big and small. It was important to us not only to have a great team, but that people see that team as well."

The fan support shown the Alabama gymnastics team not only heralds the program's success, it sparks that success.

"The crowd can elevate your performance another notch, to a level above where it has been," Patterson said. "We have used that in a lot of different respects. I like the type of crowd we have; I think they've become extremely educated in the sport of gymnastics, and they continue to get better every year."

## NCAA Women's Athletics Attendance Leaders - 2010-11

1.	Utah Gymnastics	13,503
2.	Alabama Gymnastics	12,730
3.	Tennessee Basketball	12,599
4.	Louisville Basketball	10,859
5.	Connecticut Basketball	9,788

## National Single-Meet Attendance Highs Over the Past 15 Years

1.	15,558	Utah vs. Florida	3-4-11
2.	15,552	Utah vs. Georgia	1-15-10
3.	15,447	Utah vs. BYU	3-28-08
4.	15,162	Alabama vs. Florida	1-20-06
5.	15,082	Utah vs. Florida	3-13-09
6.	15,080	Utah vs. BYU, SUU, TWU	2-5-09
7.	15,075	Alabama vs. Auburn	1-26-07
	15,075	Alabama vs. Georgia	2-1-08
	15,075	Alabama vs. Arkansas	2-8-08
	15,075	Alabama vs. Auburn	2-27-09
	15,075	Alabama vs. Arizona	2-19-10
	15,075	Alabama vs. Auburn	2-11-11

## Alabama's Yearly Home Attendance Averages

1.	13,786	2010	9.	10,274	2004
2.	12,730	2011	10.	9,815	1998
3.	12,578	2006	11.	9,510	2000
4.	12,141	2008	12.	9,427	1999
5.	11,284	2007	13.	9,301	1996
6.	10,570	2005	14.	8,983	2002
7.	10,484	2009	15.	8,496	2001
8.	10,301	1997	16.	8,120	2003





## ALABAMA GYMNASTICS, SOLD OUT!

More than 40 times since 1995, crowds of more than 10,000 fans have come to Coleman Coliseum to cheer on the Crimson Tide gymnastics team. But filling the Coliseum all the way to the top, without a seat to be had? At Alabama that has happened an amazing eight times since 1997 and seven times in the past six years, including last season's meet against Auburn.

Long one of the top draws in women's athletics, Alabama gymnastics' first sellout came in 1997 when a then-capacity 15,043 fans crammed the Coliseum on February 1 for the Alabama-Georgia meet.

"That was one of the most memorable moments of our career," Sarah Patterson said. "I remember people calling and saying they're still parking out at DCH and not to start the meet yet and there's still people in the lobby and they haven't gotten in yet. When they were singing the National Anthem, I was looking up in the stands and I realized 'Oh my gosh. All these seats are full. There are over 15,000 people here to see Alabama gymnastics and to see these truly amazing women athletes.'"

In 2006, the Crimson Tide opened up its home season in the newly renovated Coleman Coliseum with the Florida Gators. Both teams were wearing pink for the second annual Power of Pink meet, the goal of which is to raise awareness for the fight against breast cancer. Patterson had asked the Tide fans to wear pink and they had responded in force.

Before the end of warm-ups the word came down, the meet was a sellout, the first for any sport since the Coliseum renovation, and there was a new SEC and Alabama record when a standing room-only crowd of 15,162 filled the arena.

"Tonight was the result of a lot of long, hard work," Patterson said at the time. "More than just the sellout crowd though was the support for the cause. Tonight if one woman helps herself or a loved one then all our work will be worthwhile."

The Crimson Tide reached another amazing milestone in 2008 when it sold out back-to-back meets, drawing 15,075 fans for the Georgia and Arkansas meets.

"It is such a tremendous sight, to see 15,000 fans fill up Coleman Coliseum and to hear them cheering our ladies on," Patterson said. "But to have that happen twice in one year was truly amazing and one of the great highlights of my career."

### ALABAMA'S COLEMAN COLISEUM SELLOUTS

1.	15,043	vs. Georgia	2-1-97
2.	15,162	vs. Florida	1-20-06
3.	15,075	vs. Auburn	1-26-07
4.	15,075	vs. Georgia	2-1-08
5.	15,075	vs. Arkansas	2-8-08
6.	15,075	vs. Auburn	2-27-09
7.	15,075	vs. Arizona	2-19-10
8.	15,075	vs. Auburn	2-11-11

### NOTEWORTHY ATTENDANCE FIGURES

- Alabama posted the second highest season average in all of women's collegiate athletics last season with 12,730 fans per meet. It marked the second year in a row that the Crimson Tide has held the No. 2 spot in the rankings.
- Alabama sold out Coleman Coliseum for the eighth time in school history and for the seventh time in the last six years on Feb. 11, 2011, against Auburn.
- Alabama set a new school and SEC season attendance record of 13,786 fans per meet in 2010, the third highest season average in the history of collegiate gymnastics. The new mark bettered the previous record, set in 2006, by more than 1,200 fans per meet.
- Alabama has had the year's largest gymnastics crowd eight times since 1996.
- Only two schools have produced crowds of 15,000-plus, Alabama and Utah. Over the last 15 years, Alabama has led the way with seven of the 12 totals over 15-thousand.
- Alabama's 15,162 fans for the 2006 Alabama-Florida meet is the SEC and Alabama school record.
- The Tide's meets against Georgia and Arkansas in 2008 marked the first time in collegiate gymnastics history that a program has drawn over 15,000 fans to two different meets in the same season.
- UA has drawn over 12,000 fans to a meet 23 times since 1996.
- Alabama holds the top 35 single meet attendance marks in SEC history.



# ALABAMA GYMNASTICS FACILITIES



*Whether for practice or competition or the time in between, the Alabama gymnastics program utilizes some of the finest athletics facilities in the nation and those facilities continue to get better all the time.*

## COLEMAN COLISEUM

Over the last few years, the main arena of Coleman Coliseum received a major face-lift aimed at enhancing the meet-day atmosphere. The new amenities feature an array of state-of-the-art video and scoreboards including a center-hung scoreboard that features four massive, high-definition video panels flanked by two video rings.

The entire unit weighs more than 12,000 pounds. The center-hung display is accompanied by a pair of video and stat displays on each end of the facility. There is also more floor seating for the fans, bringing the crowd closer than ever before to the action.

Coleman Coliseum saw its greatest transformation prior to the 2006 season when the entire facility was updated in grand fashion. Behind a

bold modernized facade, the interior lobbies and concourses were expanded and upgraded. In the main seating area, 15,000-plus seats, all theater style, welcome gymnastics crowds along with a 6,400-square foot club area along the east side of the arena.

Also among the renovations was the addition of several huge display cases to encompass all the trophies and awards the gymnastics team has earned over the years. There are also eight six-foot square murals depicting highlights from more than three decades of Alabama gymnastics.

Even before the renovations, Coleman Coliseum was already one of the best places in the nation to watch gymnastics. There are few atmospheres better in collegiate athletics than a gymnastics Friday night in Coleman Coliseum from the roar of the crowd when Alabama marches in through the last routine.

The Coliseum has hosted some of the biggest gymnastics meets in the country including the 1991, 1996 and 2002 NCAA Championships and the 1988, 1993 and 1999 SEC Championships. The Crimson Tide also hosted its 12th NCAA Regional Championship last spring.

Another addition to the Coliseum's amenities is a team suite which was constructed specifically for the gymnastics program prior to the 2008 season. The suite includes an expanded locker room as

well as a team room that includes study and computer stations and a meeting space. There is also a full training room in the suite which allows Tide gymnasts to have everything they need, before and after practice and competition, in one place.

"Our goal is to always ensure that our ladies have everything that they need to be successful and our team suite is part of that commitment," Sarah Patterson said. "From a study area and team meeting room to having a training room positioned between our practice gym and competition arena, this is a tremendous upgrade to our already outstanding facilities."

The overall renovation to the Crimson Tide's athletic facilities, which entailed a more than \$200 million capital building campaign, also included a new spacious strength and conditioning center and an athletic training center that is among the nation's very best. Both facilities are located in the Mal Moore Athletic Facility adjacent to Coleman Coliseum.

Another aspect of the building campaign that the athletics department has undertaken over the past decade that has paid huge dividends is the Bill Battle Academic Center at Paul W. Bryant Hall, one of the finest academic centers in the nation, which opened in 2005 (for more on Bryant Hall, see page 20).



## THE FRANCES SMITH GYMNASTICS PRACTICE FACILITY

While video panels and scoreboards are a major part of the new-look Coleman Coliseum arena, it's a video analysis system, provided by the Tide's booster organization, The Medalist Club, during the 2009-10 school year, that is the latest addition to the Crimson Tide's practice gym.

"It is an unbelievable tool in the gym," Bryan Raschilla said. "It's like having three extra coaches."

The system has several playback and analysis options that are in use every day in practice and allows the coaches to provide instant feedback on a routine. Having three complete systems in the gym running at all times allows the coaches and gymnasts constant analysis.

"It gives us the opportunity to really pay attention to our corrections and see them visually," All-American Kassie Price said. "It's much easier to make a correction when you can see what you're doing wrong. It keeps things flowing; you come off the bars, you watch the play back and then you go chalk up for your next turn. It's been amazing and it's really helped my gymnastics."

The system also helps compress the time it takes to make a change to a skill or routine, allowing the gymnasts to get more out of each practice.

"It's a huge help for us," senior All-American Ashley Priess said. "It allows you to make corrections quicker, which ultimately helps you improve faster and more efficiently."

In addition to a variety of playback options, the coaches can also compare and contrast routines using a variety of tools within the Dartfish Pro software.

"If we really want to get in-depth and break down technique and skills we can use the system's SimuCam and StroMotion features which were both used at the 2008 Olympic Games," Raschilla said.

The video system is just the newest addition to Alabama's state-of-the-art training facility, which is part of the Coliseum annex completed in 1996. The main practice space boasts a design that is at once attractive and extremely functional. The equipment is all arranged to make the flow of practice extremely fluid. There are five uneven bars stations, six balance beams, two vaults and an oversized floor in place.

All aspects of the complex come together in a marriage of form and function that gives Alabama a training edge. That is important to the coaching staff, which spent countless hours in designing the 12,500-square foot gym, but the most important aspect of the space isn't readily apparent to the casual observer.

"We train every day in a beautiful facility that has everything we could ever need," Sarah

Patterson said. "Most importantly though, it was designed to totally minimize and alleviate impact on the gymnasts. The facility is aesthetically pleasing, but if you look closely, you will notice that it was designed with the gymnasts' bodies in mind."

Multiple soft landing pits are available for all four apparatus, giving the Tide the freedom to train skills in enhanced safety. It also gives Alabama the capability of teaching a variety of skills at the same time.

"We have the equipment and space to choose how we want to run practice," David Patterson said. "We can split into two or three groups or we can all be on one event if we are having an intra-squad. It gives us the freedom to do that or to have everyone on four different events at the same time. We have the room and the staff to do that and be effective with it. Also, we put enough diverse things into the design of the facility where it is very helpful in terms of teaching new skills."

The main practice area includes an in-ground trampoline and tumbling strips. The sound system that drives the Tide's practices is top-notch, surrounding the floor exercise area with the same level of sound Alabama will encounter in a meet setting. There is also an array of cardio equipment located in the gym. A separate 2,000-square foot aerobics/dance studio is connected to the main practice area. That area houses another sound system that is utilized during the Tide's workouts.





## THE CENTER FOR ATHLETIC STUDENT SERVICES

The Center for Athletic Student Services (CASS), is a mainstay of the University of Alabama's academic success.

The Crimson Tide's academic home, the Bill Battle Academic Center at Paul W. Bryant Hall, is the crown jewel in Alabama's \$125-plus million Crimson Tradition building initiative.

"This project was certainly one of our focal points when we started the renovations of our athletic facilities," athletics director Mal Moore said. "Academics are at the center of our mission at Alabama and we wanted to create a place that would aid all our student-athletes in their educational pursuits. Bryant Hall provides everything we need in that regard."

Through the auspices of the Crimson Tradition Fund, Alabama took its former athletic dorm and converted it into a 55,000-square foot state-of-the-art facility that benefits all 500-plus Crimson Tide student-athletes.

"Bryant Hall is an incredible facility for our student-athletes," Fern Hampton, the gymnastics team's academic advisor said. "I can't help but be proud to give tours to recruits and their parents. Bryant Hall demonstrates the level of

commitment to academics of the University of Alabama and its athletics department. With over 50,000 square feet, Bryant Hall meets the needs of our student-athletes all under one roof, a tremendous asset for them and their busy schedules. A student-athlete can meet with their advisor, work with a tutor, attend their orientation class, use the math lab, reading lab, writing lab, or computer lab – all within Bryant Hall."

Among the building's many amenities is a 48-seat computer lab with up-to-date equipment and software. The computer lab also houses 25 laptop computers that can be checked out by student-athletes for use on road trips. There are math, English, and writing labs as well as individual study rooms. The athletic academic advisor offices are also housed in the building along with several study lounges, two 50-seat classrooms and a 140-seat classroom.

The classrooms utilize cutting-edge teaching devices, including digital overhead projectors and "smart boards" that allow instructors to interact with students on the go.

Throughout the building there are 16 information stations that provide student-athletes with news about tutorials, study sessions and even practice schedules.

CASS is headed by Assistant Athletics Director for Student Services Jon Dever. In addition to Hampton, Dever is assisted by Heather Anders, Tom Buttram, Barbara DeLaire, Brenda Elliott, Jill Lancaster, Lisa Patrick and Lance Walker. Joining this group are six interns and 65 part-time tutors. The entire operation is housed in Bryant Hall.

The CASS staff works as a liaison between the Athletic Department, undergraduate divisions, and the administrative offices of the University. The staff assists with class scheduling and registration, makes sure all athletes are maintaining satisfactory progress toward their degrees, monitors academic eligibility and provides career counseling. The advisors also secure tutors and schedule study sessions.

The building also houses the Crimson Tide's Academic Hall of Fame and its nationally recognized LifeSkills program.

## MAKING THE GRADE



The Crimson Tide's Center for Athletic Student Services offers many services that help Alabama gymnasts make a smooth transition into the world of collegiate academics. CASS provides tutors, study sessions and works with student-athletes to help them develop study, note taking and organizational skills. CASS will also provide a personal monitor that helps guide the student-athlete as long as they or the team's academic advisor feels it is necessary in order for that student-athlete to be successful in the classroom.

All-American and Scholastic All-American Kayla Hoffman is a shining example of what a student-athlete can accomplish when they utilize all the resources that Alabama and CASS put at their disposal. Hoffman came to the University after being homeschooled since the fourth grade.

"Kayla is certainly a role model for someone who comes to college after being homeschooled," Sarah Patterson said. "She came in, worked hard and used all the resources the University and athletics department put at her disposal and really excelled, earning a 4.0 GPA and Scholastic All-American honors as a freshman and going on to enjoy a truly phenomenal career, both in the classroom and in the gym."

Hoffman finished out her career with a 4.0 grade point average in human development and family studies. A first-team Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American, she was also named the Academic All-American of the Year.

Her academic prowess, enhanced by the tools the CASS Center put at her disposal, led to the Union, N.J., native earning NCAA and Southeastern Conference Postgraduate Scholarships. She was also voted the SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Her amazing senior season culminated in being named one of the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award winners, which honors the nation's top eight senior student-athletes for excelling athletically and academically as well as making a difference in the community.

"That's exactly what I wanted," Hoffman said on balancing her athletic and academic accomplishments. "I wanted to be someone who was an excellent student and an excellent athlete. I wanted to show future athletes here at our University that you can be both. That really meant a lot to me."

## ACADEMIC ADVISOR FERN HAMPTON



Fern Hampton is in her 11th year as an academic advisor with the Center for Athletic Student Services (CASS) and her seventh working with the gymnastics program.

"Fern is an absolute dream to work with," Sarah Patterson said. "She works very hard and is dedicated to making sure that our ladies have everything they need to be successful in the classroom."

For her efforts in helping Alabama gymnastics maintain its status as one of the nation's best academic programs, Hampton received the David Dutton Memorial Award in

2008, given to individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty for the Alabama gymnastics program.

Hampton's job includes helping the athletes under her guidance map out their academic plan, from picking a major and registering for classes to requesting a personal monitor and scheduling a tutor. In her 20th year overall with the University, Hampton worked in student recruitment through the undergraduate admissions office before joining the athletics department.

"I really enjoy working with gymnastics," Hampton said. "They are very dedicated young women who work very hard to make sure they are getting the most out of their academic opportunities."

For Alabama gymnasts, the impetus to succeed academically is all around them. The coaching staff makes it clear from day one that their very best is expected in the classroom while their teammates encourage them to excel through both word and deed. And while the bar is set high by the coaches and athletes themselves, Hampton is there to add her encouragement and provide the tools for that success.

"There are tremendous resources here at Alabama and we make sure that the student-athletes have full access to them, that they have everything they need to be successful," Hampton said. "I absolutely believe you get a top-rate education at the University of Alabama, and we're continuing to expand our services in the Center for Athletic Student Services. If you look at the growth, not just in athletics, but across the board, it's an exciting time to be on this campus."

Hampton's relationship with a student-athlete starts on their recruiting trip. She sets up individual appointments within the department of the recruit's area of study and then the recruit is given a tour of campus and learns about the services provided by CASS. From that point on, she works with the athletes until the day they graduate.

One of the big things that makes the Winnipeg, Manitoba native's job easier is the commitment the coaching staff has to the education process.

"One of the things that has impressed me the most is Sarah's total accessibility for any questions on academic issues," Hampton said. "I can walk in at any point and we take care of business. Her accessibility and desire for her student-athletes to be successful academically makes it clear she considers it a top priority."

Hampton and her husband Robert Meintzer have two children, a son, Robbie, and a daughter, Caroline.



The 2011 SEC and NCAA Champions posted a program-best 3.71 team GPA.

## CLASSROOM SUCCESS

The University of Alabama is one of the nation's top scholastic institutions and the Crimson Tide gymnastics program is among those leading the charge of academic excellence, earning countless honors and continually producing outstanding results in the classroom.

The Tide's tremendous success is in direct correlation to the level of importance the coaching staff puts on academics. Priority one at Alabama is a great education that will catapult Tide gymnasts into exciting futures.

"From the day we begin recruiting an athlete to the day they walk across the stage at graduation, we stress academics as the most important aspect of their experience here at Alabama," Sarah Patterson said. "I want our ladies to win national championships and I want them to break records, but first and foremost I want them to do the best they can in the classroom."

The emphasis the coaching staff puts on academics has paid huge dividends. Last season alone, in addition to winning its fifth NCAA Championship, Alabama posted a 3.71 team grade point average, its highest ever, while 14 gymnasts earned Scholastic All-American honors and all 17 members of the team posted over a 3.2 GPA. Overall, the Tide has produced 12 NCAA and 10 Southeastern Conference Postgraduate Scholarship recipients since 1983.

Three Alabama gymnasts have earned the Southeastern Conference's most coveted academic award, the H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar Athlete of the Year, an honor bestowed on the conference's top senior student-athlete, regardless of sport. The award carries with it a \$10,000 scholarship that can be applied to the graduate program of the recipient's choice. Tide gymnasts have also earned entry into national honor societies more than 200 times over the last three decades.

While the Tide has built a sparkling reputation in

the academic arena, that reputation is not just a case of letting a squad of naturally academically-talented athletes loose in the classroom.

"Many of our athletes are what I would consider average students, and yet they continue to perform at above-average levels, and that is what I am most proud of," Patterson said. "There's a misconception, I think, that all these young ladies have a great deal of natural ability. They're all bright young women, but I attribute our success to the fact that they come in here knowing that school comes first. They know we feel that way, and they take the support system, which is second to none, and they surround themselves with it and work within that system. That's why we do so well. If the same student came in here and worked the same amount of time, but didn't use the support system, I don't think their grades would be as good."

In fact, some of Alabama's greatest success stories involve student-athletes that came in as at-risk students. Through a combination of their own hard work, unflagging support from the coaching staff and the resources Alabama put at their disposal, they were able to graduate. They then went on to careers that might not have been possible without the education they received at the Capstone.

Once a prospective student-athlete signs, it is up to her how successful she is academically. But because of Alabama's Center for Athletic Student Services and the commitment of its coaches, every opportunity for success is there for the taking.

During the first semester, freshmen are required to attend nightly study hall. After that, attendance is based on the individual's GPA and study needs. Every member of the gymnastics team utilizes the study hall and tutorial staff throughout their careers.

Between the coaches, CASS and individual initiative of the student-athletes, the gymnastics program is assured of capturing more perfect 10s in the gym and perfect 4.0s in the classroom.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

*Always a source of pride, Alabama gymnastics' academic excellence has hit an impressive stride over the past 20 years providing some truly awe-inspiring results.*

- Over the past decade, Alabama has been a fixture at the top nationally in team grade point average among all gymnastics programs. The Crimson Tide has been especially sharp in its last two NCAA Championship seasons - posting a program record 3.6 GPA in 2002 and then bettering that mark in 2011 with a 3.71, ranking in the top-4 nationally both years.
- Alabama gymnasts have earned 12 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, more than any other gymnastics program in the nation.
- In addition, 10 Tide gymnasts have earned SEC Postgraduate Scholarships, more than any other gymnastics program in the SEC.
- Three Alabama gymnasts, Kristin Sterner, Meredith Willard and Julie Estin, have earned the H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, given annually to the top student in the league.
- The Tide earned a program-record 14 Scholastic All-American honors in 2011.
- Alabama has earned 162 Scholastic All-American honors since the award's inception in 1991, averaging nearly 10 honors a year over the past decade.
- The Tide's 16 SEC Academic Honor Roll accolades in 2011 is the league record for a single year.
- Alabama has earned SEC Academic Honor Roll honors 229 times since the award was first given out in 1984, more than two dozen better than the rest of the league. That total includes an average of 12 honors per year since 2000.
- Alabama has averaged over a 3.0 team GPA for the last 17 years in a row.



# NCAA & SEC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

One of the most coveted and difficult to acquire national honors available to collegiate athletes, the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship is awarded to athletes in their final year of competition who have performed with distinction both athletically and academically. Some programs never have an athlete

receive the scholarship, while Alabama gymnastics has had 12, including 2011 senior Kayla Hoffman, the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year. The Tide's total leads all gymnastics programs.

In addition to the NCAA honors, UA gymnasts have earned 10 Southeastern Conference Postgrad-

uate Scholarships, including Hoffman in 2011. The Tide's 10 SEC scholarships also leads all gymnastics programs.

All told, 14 Alabama gymnasts have earned either NCAA or SEC postgraduate scholarships, with eight earning both.



## Kayla Hoffman

Kayla Hoffman led Alabama to the 2011 NCAA Championship as well as a pair of SEC Championships during her Alabama tenure. Along the way she also became the

12th Alabama gymnast to earn an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and the eighth to take home both an NCAA and SEC Postgraduate Scholarship. Hoffman also earned the Honda Award, the SEC Female Athlete of the Year and the NCAA Today's Top VIII award among many others. She plans to obtain a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.



## Kassi Price

Kassi Price helped Alabama to an SEC Championship during her years at the Capstone. In 2010, she also became the 11th Alabama gymnast to earn an NCAA

Postgraduate Scholarship and the seventh to earn both an NCAA and SEC Postgraduate Scholarship. Alabama's first three-year Academic All-American, she also earned the inaugural NCAA Elite 88 Award. She is currently working on a Master's Degree in Sports Administration.



## Stephanie Kite

Stephanie Kite helped Alabama to an NCAA and SEC Championship during her years at the Capstone. In 2004, she also became the 10th Alabama gymnast to

earn an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and was named the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year, a first for a Crimson Tide athlete. She is currently the executive director of the Laps for CF Foundations which raises money in the fight against Cystic Fibrosis.



## Kristin Sterner

In 2003, Kristin Sterner, now Dr. Kristin LeGrand, became the sixth Alabama gymnast to earn both an NCAA and SEC Postgraduate Scholarship. She is also

the third to be named SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She earned three championship rings during her UA tenure, including the 2002 NCAA championship and the 2000 and 2003 SEC titles. An NCAA Top VIII honoree, she was an NCAA Woman of the Year finalist. A Michigan State Medical School graduate, she is currently doing her residency.



## Andréé Pickens

In 2002, Andréé Pickens, now Andréé Houston, became the first Crimson Tide gymnast to earn the Southeastern Conference's

Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship which was first awarded in 1995. As the president of Alabama's Student Athlete Advisory Board, she directed the Tide's student-athletes to new heights in the area of community outreach and service. She is currently the tutorial coordinator for the Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes at Texas Tech University.



## Merritt Booth

Merritt Booth, now Merritt Baumgartner, was part of NCAA and SEC Championship squads. She earned six All-American honors, three each first and second

team. A finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year award and a four-year Scholastic All-American, she earned an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. She used her scholarship to earn a physician's assistant degree at South Alabama.



## Meredith Willard

Meredith Willard, now Meredith Luber, graduated with a pair of championship rings, one each SEC and NCAA as well as the 1996 NCAA All-Around title. She

also took home an NCAA and SEC scholarship. An 11-time first-team All-American during her tenure and an NCAA Today's Top VIII award winner and NCAA Woman of the Year finalist, she obtained a Master's of Business Administration from UNC-Charlotte and worked for Racing Champions, a public relations' company whose hottest property is NASCAR.



## Dana Dobransky

Dana Dobransky, now Dana Duckworth, earned both SEC and NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships to go with an SEC Championship ring,

an NCAA Championship ring and a pair of individual NCAA balance beam titles. In the fall of 1996, she returned to Alabama to obtain a Master's of Business Administration. After more than a decade in the corporate world, including a highly successful turn with Pfizer Pharmaceutical, she joined the Alabama coaching staff full time in the fall of 2008.



## Katherine Kelleher

Katherine Kelleher, now Katherine Laubenthal, graduated with an NCAA and SEC championship ring to keep her NCAA and SEC

Postgraduate scholarships company. A three-time All-American, SEC Champion and two-time Regional Champion, she graduated with a degree in corporate finance and investment management. She is a Systems Consultant for Blue Cross Blue Shield in Birmingham.



## Kelly Good

Kelly Good, now Kelly Baham, graduated with an SEC and NCAA Championship ring and a matching pair of scholarships to go with them. The All-American attended

Alabama-Birmingham. She received a Master's of Science in physical therapy. She works for Healthsouth in Richmond, Va.



## Marie Robbins

Marie Robbins graduated with one NCAA and two SEC Championship rings as well as an SEC Postgraduate scholarship. The four-time All-American and two-time SEC

Champion graduated from Alabama Law School. She then went to work for the Southeastern Conference. She returned to Alabama as Associate Athletics Director for Compliance in 1996 and was promoted to Senior Woman Administrator in 2002.



## Julie Estin

Julie Estin, now Dr. Julie Vaughn, a 1987 recipient of both the NCAA and SEC scholarships, attended Alabama-Birmingham medical school and is now a Tuscaloosa area

pediatrician. During her tenure at the Capstone, Vaughn was a six-time All-American, two-time SEC Champion, five-time Regional Champion and Alabama's first SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She was also a two-time GTE Academic All-American.



## Barbara Mack

Barbara Mack, now Barbara Harding, earned the NCAA scholarship in 1985. Mack was an All-American, SEC and Regional Champion and the winner of the AMF American

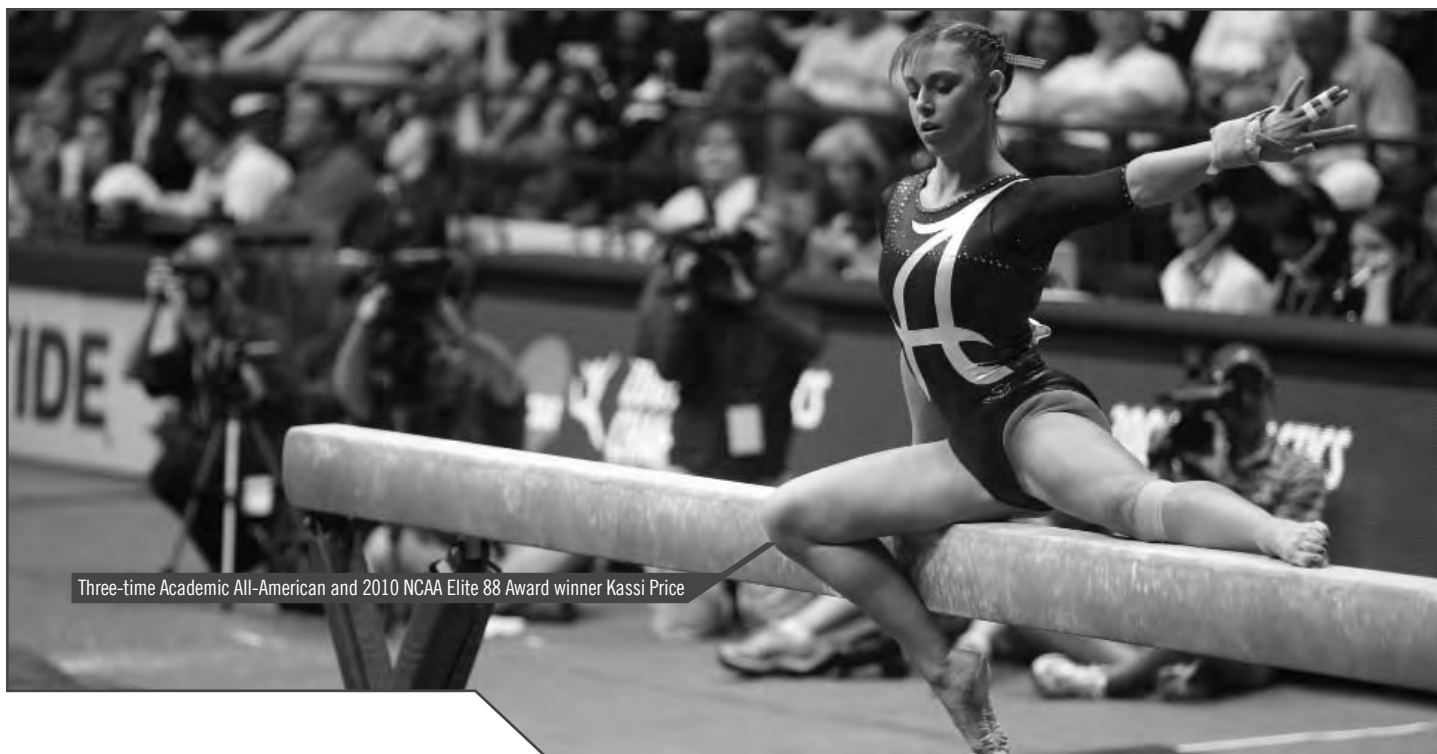
Award as the nation's most outstanding senior. She was also a Rhodes Scholarship finalist. She used her scholarships to go on to Georgetown Law School. She served as a prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice and is now in private practice.



## Julie Garrett

Julie Garrett was the first Alabama gymnast to receive an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Garrett was also the Tide's first All-American and SEC Champion. She

competed before the Southeastern Conference gave postgraduate scholarships. The league first gave its scholarship in 1985.



Three-time Academic All-American and 2010 NCAA Elite 88 Award winner Kassie Price

## CRIMSON TIDE HONOR ROLL

### NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2010	Kassie Price
2004	Stephanie Kite
2003	Kristin Sterner
1998	Merritt Booth
1997	Meredith Willard
1993	Dana Dobransky
1992	Katherine Kelleher
1989	Kelly Good
1987	Julie Estin
1985	Barbara Mack
1983	Julie Garrett

### NCAA Elite 88

2011	Rachel Terry
2010	Kassie Price

### H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year

2003	Kristin Sterner
1997	Meredith Willard
1987	Julie Estin

### SEC Postgraduate Scholarship

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2010	Kassie Price
2003	Kristin Sterner
2002	André Pickens
1997	Meredith Willard
1993	Dana Dobransky
1992	Katherine Kelleher
1990	Marie Robbins
1989	Kelly Good
1987	Julie Estin

### SEC Community Service Team

2011	Alyssa Chapman
2010	Kassie Price
2009	Ricki Lebegern
2008	Ricki Lebegern
2007	Courtney Priess
2006	Dana Pierce
2005	Dana Pierce
2004	Stephanie Kite

### CoSIDA Academic All-America At-Large Team Member of the Year

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2004	Stephanie Kite

### CoSIDA Academic All-America

2011	Kayla Hoffman, first team
2010	Kassie Price, first team
2009	Kassie Price, first team
2008	Kassie Price, third team
2004	Stephanie Kite, first team
2003	Stephanie Kite, first team
2003	Kristin Sterner, first team
1998	Merritt Booth, third team
1997	Meredith Willard, first team
1993	Dana Dobransky, second team
1992	Dana Dobransky, second team

1988	Kelly Good, third team
1987	Julie Estin, first team
1986	Julie Estin, first team

### CoSIDA Academic All-Region

2007	Cassie Martin
1994	Sheryl Dundas

### NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference

2006	Courtney Priess
2001	André Pickens

### National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches Scholastic All-America

2011	Becca Alexin
	Alyssa Chapman
	Sarah DeMeo
	Ria Domier
	Lindsey Fowler
	Kayla Hoffman
	Kim Jacob
	Megan Mashburn
	Diandra Milliner
	Jordan Moore
	Ashley Priess
	Geralen Stack-Eaton
	Rachel Terry
	Hannah Toussaint
2010	Becca Alexin
	Alyssa Chapman
	Mary Hauswirth

	Kayla Hoffman
	Ricki Lebegern
	Megan Mashburn
	Kassie Price
	Ashley Sledge
	Rachel Terry
2009	Alyssa Chapman
	Jocelyn Fowler
	Kayla Hoffman
	Ricki Lebegern
	Brittany Magee
	Megan Mashburn
	Amanda Montgomery
	Ashley O'Neal
	Casey Overton
	Kassie Price
	Ashley Priess
	Rachel Terry
2008	Alyssa Chapman
	Kayla Hoffman
	Jennifer Iovino
	Ricki Lebegern
	Brittany Magee
	Cassie Martin
	Megan Mashburn
	Amanda Montgomery
	Ashley O'Neal
	Casey Overton
	Kassie Price
	Kaitlin White
2007	Alyssa Chapman
	Ricki Lebegern
	Brittany Magee
	Cassie Martin
	Amanda Montgomery
	Casey Overton
	Kassie Price
	Kaitlin White
2006	Melanie Banville

	Mari Bayer
	Rachael Delahoussaye
	Brittany Magee
	Cassie Martin
	Amanda Montgomery
	Dana Pierce
	Bianca Puella
	Erin Rightley
2005	Mari Bayer
	Rachael Delahoussaye
	Shannon Hrozek
	Meredith Laxton
	Michelle Reeser
2004	Mari Bayer
	Rachael Delahoussaye
	Johnna Gay
	Lauren Holdefer
	Shannon Hrozek
	Stephanie Kite
	Meredith Laxton
	Michelle Reeser
2003	Mari Bayer
	Rachael Delahoussaye
	Lauren Holdefer
	Shannon Hrozek
	Stephanie Kite
	Dana Pierce
	Michelle Reeser
	Kristin Sterner
2002	Natalie Barrington
	Helen Burgin
	Tiffany Byrd
	Krista Gole
	Erin Holdefer
	Lauren Holdefer
	Shannon Hrozek
	Stephanie Kite

	Alexa Martinez
	Whitney Morgan
	André Pickens
	Michelle Reeser
	Kristin Sterner
2001	Natalie Barrington
	Tiffany Byrd
	Krista Gole
	Robin Hawkins
	Katie Hornecker
	Stephanie Kite
	Alexa Martinez
	Jeana Rice
	Kristin Sterner
2000	Lexa Evans
	Robin Hawkins
	Katie Hornecker
	Alexa Martinez
	Whitney Morgan
	Sara Scarborough
	Lissy Smith
	Kristin Sterner
	Dara Stewart
1999	Natalie Barrington
	Mandy Chapman
	Lexa Evans
	Robin Hawkins
	Gina Logan
	April Makinson
	Alexa Martinez
	Whitney Morgan
	Lissy Smith
	Raegan Tomasek
1998	Merritt Booth
	Mandy Chapman
	Lexa Evans
	April Makinson
	Danielle McAdams
1997	Merritt Booth
	Mandy Chapman
	Heidi Harriman
	Danielle McAdams

	Meredith Willard
1996	Merritt Booth
	Lisa Gianni
	Danielle McAdams
	Marna Neubauer
	Meredith Willard
1995	Merritt Booth
	Chasity Junkin
	Danielle McAdams
	Marna Neubauer
	Meredith Willard
1994	Sheryl Dundas
	Chasity Junkin
	Kara Stilp
	Meredith Willard
1993	Dana Dobransky
	Sheryl Dundas
	Chasity Junkin
1992	Dana Dobransky
	Sheryl Dundas
	Chasity Junkin
	Katherine Kelleher
	Shea McFall
1991	Dana Dobransky
	Sheryl Dundas
	Katherine Kelleher
	Shea McFall

### Paul W. Bryant Memorial Award

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2003	Kristin Sterner
1997	Meredith Willard
1992	Katherine Kelleher
1990	Marie Robbins
1986	Julie Estin
1985	Barbara Mack

### Commerce & Business Administration Austin Cup

2010	Kassie Price
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## Commerce & Business Administration Austin Scholar

2010 Kass Price

## F. David Mathews Award

1997 Meredith Willard

## Alumni Student Award – University of Alabama National Alumni Association

2002 André Pickens

1997 Meredith Willard

## Sington Soaring Spirit Award

2000 André Pickens

1997 Meredith Willard

1993 Dee Foster

1989 1988 NCAA Team Champions

## Commerce & Business Administration Athlete of the Year

1997 Meredith Willard

1996 Meredith Willard

1985 Patti Rice

## College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award of Merit

1985 Barbara Mack

## University of Alabama Outstanding Junior

1986 Julie Estin

## Cornell Mathematics Medal

1988 Julie Estin

## College of Arts & Sciences – Woodrow Alvin David Family Student-Athlete Award

2004 Kristin Sterner

2003 André Pickens

1988 Julie Estin

## HES- Phi Upsilon Omicron Award for Outstanding Freshmen

2010 Rachel Terry

## Commerce & Business Administration Outstanding Undergraduate Award

1992 Katherine Kelleher

1992 Shea McFall

1991 Katherine Kelleher

## Freshman Scholarship Achievement Award in Women's Athletics

1986 Kelly Good

## Alpha Epsilon Rho Outstanding TCF Senior Award

1993 Dana Dobransky

## Dept. of Management Recognition of Excellence

2008 Amanda Montgomery

## Dept. of Marketing Recognition of Excellence

2010 Kass Price

2009 Kass Price

2004 Stephanie Kite

2001 April Makinson

1994 Kara Stilp

## New College Award of Excellence in Athletics

1993 Dee Foster

## New College Outstanding Achievement Studies/ Out-of-Class Learning Experiences

1993 Dee Foster

## Outstanding Healthcare Management Undergraduate Student

2002 Krista Gole

2001 Krista Gole

1999 Gina Logan

1998 Gina Logan

## Economics Freshman Achievement Award

2008 Kass Price

2001 Stephanie Kite

## Barbara Rene Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship

2001 Lexa Evans

## Charles A. Odewahn Managerial Excellence Award

2002 April Makinson

## Linda Lantz Hallmark Consumer Sciences Service Award

2005 Shannon Hrozek

## Dow Chemical Undergraduate Award

2003 Stephanie Kite

## William Ray Moore Physical Sciences Scholar

2003 Rachael

Delahoussaye

## National Society of Collegiate Scholars

2011 Jordan Moore

2009 Jocelyn Fowler

Kayla Hoffman

2004 Rachael

Delahoussaye

2003 Shannon Hrozek

2002 Michelle Reeser

## Council of Presidents' Freshman Academic Achievement Award

2003 Dana Pierce

## Phi Mu Patience Stevens Award

2006 Dana Pierce

## Outstanding Work in Natural Sciences

2007 Rachael

Delahoussaye

Cassie Martin

## Council of Presidents' Freshman Academic Achievement Awards- Human Environmental Science

2009 Rachel Terry

Jocelyn Fowler

2008 Megan Mashburn

## Dean Bernie Sloan Spirit of New College Award

2009 Cassie Martin

## Arthur Ashe Award

2008 Ashley O'Neal

## Outstanding Graduate Students in Sports Management Award

2009 Kaitlin White

## Jean Wickstrom Liles Endowed Scholarship

2010 Megan Mashburn

## Highest Scholastic Average in Marketing - Junior Class

2009 Kass Price

## Harry D. Bonham Marketing Club Highest Scholastic Average- Senior

2010 Kass Price

## Outstanding Student in Marketing- Senior

2010 Kass Price

## Birmingham Chapter Sales & Marketing Exec. International Award

2010 Kass Price

# HONOR SOCIETIES

## XXXI

Merritt Booth  
Morgan Dennis  
Lexa Evans  
Dee Foster  
Kelly Good  
Robin Hawkins  
Ashley Miles  
André Pickens  
Marie Robbins  
Kristin Sterner  
Meredith Willard

## Alpha Lambda Delta

Ashley Ford  
Lindsey Fowler  
Lisa Gianni  
Lauren Graffeo  
Robin Hawkins  
Katie Hornecker  
Stephanie Kite  
April Makinson  
Danielle McAdams  
Amanda Montgomery  
Jordan Moore  
Whitney Morgan  
Kass Price  
Kristin Sterner  
Rachel Terry  
Raegan Tomasek

## Beta Alpha Psi

Michelle Reeser

## Beta Beta Beta

Shay Murphy  
Kristin Sterner

## Beta Gamma Sigma

Stephanie Kite  
April Makinson  
Alexa Martinez  
Kass Price  
Meredith Willard

## Blue Key

Lexa Evans  
Kass Price

## Cardinal Key

Kass Price  
Cassie Martin

## Delta Sigma Pi

Stephanie Kite  
Kass Price

## Gamma Beta Phi

Merritt Booth  
Mandy Chapman  
Lexa Evans  
Ashley Ford  
Lauren Graffeo  
Erin Holdefer  
Lauren Holdefer  
Katie Hornecker  
Katherine Kelleher  
Gina Logan  
Whitney Morgan  
Danielle McAdams  
Shea McFall  
Whitney Morgan  
André Pickens  
Dana Pierce  
Kass Price  
Michelle Reeser  
Erin Rightley  
Tina Rinker  
Dara Stewart  
Meredith Willard

## Golden Key

Mari Bayer  
Merritt Booth  
Mandy Chapman  
Rachael Delahoussaye  
Lexa Evans  
Krista Gole  
Robin Hawkins  
Katie Hornecker

Shannon Hrozek  
Chasity Junkin  
Ricki Lebegern  
Gina Logan  
Brittany Magee  
Megan Mashburn  
Danielle McAdams  
Amanda Montgomery  
Whitney Morgan  
Kass Price  
Lissy Smith  
Raegan Tomasek  
Meredith Willard

## Kappa Delta Pi

Rachel Terry

## Kappa Delta Pi

Dana Pierce

## Kappa Tau Alpha

Lexa Evans  
Robin Hawkins  
Alexa Martinez

## Lambda Sigma

Lindsey Fowler  
Amanda Montgomery  
Kass Price

## Mortar Board

Alli Beldon  
Dana Dobransky

Julie Estin  
Lexa Evans  
Kelly Good  
Katherine Kelleher  
Patti Kleckner  
Barbara Mack  
Kass Price  
Patti Rice  
Erin Rightley  
Tina Rinker  
Marie Robbins  
Tracey Tillman  
Meredith Willard

## Omega Chi Epsilon

Tina Rinker

## Omicron Delta Kappa

Mari Bayer  
Alli Beldon  
Kathy Bilodeau  
Merritt Booth  
Mandy Chapman  
Julie Estin  
Lexa Evans  
Dee Foster  
Kelly Good  
Chasity Junkin  
Katherine Kelleher  
Kim Kelly  
Stephanie Kite  
Patti Kleckner

Barbara Mack  
Brittany Magee  
Cassie Martin  
Alexa Martinez  
Megan Mashburn  
Shea McFall  
Amanda Montgomery  
Heather Nasser  
Ashley O'Neal  
André Pickens  
Kass Price  
Patti Rice  
Erin Rightley  
Tina Rinker  
Marie Robbins  
Kristin Sterner  
Tracey Tillman  
Ann Wilhide  
Meredith Willard

## Phi Beta Kappa

Merritt Booth  
Julie Estin  
Kelly Good  
Barbara Mack  
Cassie Martin  
Tiffany Byrd  
Alyssa Chapman  
Sheryl Dundas  
Ashley Ford  
Jocelyn Fowler  
Lindsey Fowler  
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Robin Hawkins  
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Jennifer Iovino  
Stephanie Kite  
Meredith Laxton  
Ricki Lebegern  
Brittany Magee  
April Makinson  
Cassie Martin  
Danielle McAdams  
Amanda Montgomery  
Jordan Moore  
Whitney Morgan  
Dana Pierce  
Kass Price  
Bianca Puella  
Chasity Junkin  
Sara Scarborough  
Rachel Terry  
Raegan Tomasek  
Holly Voorheis  
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## Phi Eta Sigma

Melanie Banville  
Mari Bayer  
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Kathy Bilodeau  
Katherine Kelleher  
Kass Price  
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Mandy Chapman  
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## Pi Tau Sigma

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## Psi Chi

Lauren Holdefer  
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Mari Bayer  
Rachael Delahoussaye  
Amanda Montgomery  
Kass Price  
Erin Rightley

## Tau Beta Pi

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Tina Rinker





## CATCHING UP WITH KATIE HORNECKER



Katie, Kaleb and Tim out for a stroll by the water.

Katie Hornecker, now Katie Wingenter, once said she picked mechanical engineering as a major during her 1998-2001 Alabama career because, "I can't imagine doing anything easier."

Sarah Patterson agreed that the Bloomingdale, Ill., native selected the major that was probably the toughest, in terms of balancing being a gymnast with the demands of the major.

"Engineering is one of the most demanding paths a student-athlete can choose," Patterson said. "Katie was just the second gymnast we had who took that path."

Wingenter not only took the path less traveled, but she thrived, balancing a successful gymnastics career that included becoming a first-team vault All-American and helping the Crimson Tide to the 2000 Southeastern Conference team championship with an outstanding showing in the classroom where she earned Scholastic All-American honors. After her gymnastics career was over, she went directly into an internship with the Mercedes-Benz US International Automobile Plant, the only one in North America, which is located just up the road from the University in Tuscaloosa County.

At the end of her internship, in a move that is rare for Mercedes, she was asked to stay on in a part-time capacity and upon graduation in December of 2001, she was hired

full-time as a Process Engineer in the assembly shop.

Was helping stream-line the production of Mercedes' M-Class sports-utility vehicles what Wingenter had in mind when she arrived in Tuscaloosa?

"Not at all," Wingenter said with a laugh. "I remember starting engineering school and going, 'what can I do with this?' My brother convinced me that I could get a mechanical engineering degree and do anything I wanted. Then I got the internship and worked at Mercedes and I had a blast."

After a few years at Mercedes, she was promoted to Production Group Leader on the first line of the assembly shop where she managed 37 team members, processes, quality control and equipment.

It was during her time at Mercedes that she married her husband Tim, also an engineer, who she met at Alabama.

In 2005, she and Tim moved to Maryland where he went to work with Boeing as a Flight Test Engineer.

Never one to sit still, in the month it took Wingenter to find an engineering job in Maryland, she started coaching at a local gym.

"When I first started coaching, I was like, 'Oh I'll quit as soon as I find a full-time job,'" Wingenter said. "I

found a job after a month, but I didn't quit coaching for a couple of years. Finally Tim said, 'Really? If we want a family, I need to see you now and then.'"

That's not to say that things slowed down. In her first two years in Maryland, she worked for a small government contractor as a systems engineer to support the Navy

E-2D Advanced Hawkeye Systems Engineering and Integration Team as well as coaching. As if that wasn't enough, she also started work on her MBA at Johns Hopkins University in 2005.

"I told Tim that if he wanted to spend time with me on Tuesdays and Thursdays, I would be in class, so he might want to get his MBA with me," Wingenter said. "And he did."



In 2008, she completed her MBA with a management concentration and then in 2009, she was hired by the United States Department of Defense as a Development Engineer for the Navy EP-3E ARIES II (Airborne Reconnaissance Integrated Electronic System II).

As if their lives weren't hectic enough, Katie and Tim added to their family in March of 2010, when son Kaleb Michael Wingenter was born.

Kaleb's arrival was followed by another promotion to Avionics Lead Systems Engineer for the UH-1 Huey/AH-1 Cobra Marine Corps Helicopter Platform.

"That's a mouthful," Wingenter said with another laugh. "I would have never thought this is what I'd be doing. If you'd asked me 10 years ago if I was going to be working for the Navy on aviation systems, there's no way. But I love it, I really do."

While it's her Alabama education that gave her the skills to attain ever greater heights in her career, it was being an Alabama gymnast that made that climb possible.

"I would not be the person that I am today, if I hadn't been a part of the Alabama gymnastics team," Wingenter said. "I wouldn't have known exactly what I want and how to express what I want and actually get it. Sarah taught me that. She taught me that you stand up for what you want and you get it."

## CATCHING UP WITH ALEXA MARTINEZ



Alexa, Tom and Sean Martinez out on the water.

Ask Alexa Martinez, now Alexa Givan, to describe life after her 1999-2002 Crimson Tide career and she'll do it in a single word.

"School," Givan said. "Lots and lots of school."

Which is why the Austin, Texas, native is now Dr. Alexa Givan, after earning her doctorate in marketing from Alabama in the summer of 2011.

"I started thinking about getting my doctorate before I even started the master's program. I had to take an undergraduate marketing course before I started my master's, because I got my undergraduate in advertising and needed the course in marketing to get going. The professor for that course was Dr. Sharon Beatty, who was the head of the Ph.D. program. She started talking to me about the Ph.D. program that day, and I started thinking about getting my doctorate at that point."

Graduating with her undergraduate degree in advertising in December of 2002, Givan began her master's in January of 2003 and never looked back. Givan credits the Medalist Club Postgraduate Scholarship as one of the main reasons that she was able to start her pursuit of advanced degrees right away.

"It really meant a lot to me," Givan said. "In a lot of ways, it changed my life to have that scholarship and be able to go on and get my master's degree because I really didn't know what

I wanted to do and certainly hadn't thought, before that, about going on and getting my Ph.D."

Now that she has her doctorate, what does the future hold for the four-year Scholastic All-American?

More school.

"I started teaching some marketing classes at the University of South Alabama in January," she said. "After that, we'll see what happens."

School isn't really the only thing Givan has going on. She and her husband Tom, who played tennis for the Tide, were married in 2005. In 2008, the couple had a son, Sean.

"We had Sean when I was in the middle of the Ph.D. program," Givan said. "And that slowed things down a bit, but I was able to work everything around him, my researching, teaching and all that. I had a lot of support from my husband, my parents and family all around which was great, because I couldn't have done it without them."

The Givans also moved to Daphne, Ala., while she was finishing up her

doctorate when Tom took a job with City Paper Co., which made finishing her degree all the more challenging.

"My dissertation chairs were very understanding of me having a child and moving down to Daphne during the program," Givan said. "Many chairs

would not have had the patience to stick with me during those times, but I'm very thankful they did."

While pursuing her postgraduate degrees, she also coached club gymnastics with the Bama Bounders, which actually helped with her classes.

"My main focus was on consumer behavior and specifically on teenage girls shopping behavior," Givan said. "I was

coaching at the time, and it was kind of easy to talk to girls of that age about their shopping and things like that. So that helped me out and kind of steered me in that direction."

Coaching also helped her prepare for her role as an instructor.

"After coaching for a while, it made it a little bit easier to transition into teaching," she said. "You have to tailor your teaching to the students in

your class, and coaching different girls prepared me for teaching a variety of students. I enjoy teaching. I don't mind being up there on the other side of the podium."

Life in the classroom isn't all that keeps the Givan family busy. In addition to the occasional trip back to Texas to visit the Martinez side of the family, Alexa, Tom and Sean are still settling into life in Daphne.

"Here in Daphne everyone is so nice and it's very family-oriented," Givan said. "So that just makes it easy to make friends easily."

In addition to play groups for Sean and trips to the local library, the Givans enjoy time out on the water during the summer.

"We really enjoy going out on my in-laws' boat," Givan said. "Sean is a big swimmer. He's very adventurous, probably more so than I would like him to be. But he loves the water, and he's great at swimming."

Givan is also celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Tide's 2002 NCAA Championship with her teammates this spring.

"It was an amazing year and winning the championship was the best, but truthfully, it's the friendships we made during that time that are the most memorable part of the whole experience," Givan said.





## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY



From day one, Sarah and David Patterson knew that their program would be about one thing: helping prepare young ladies for life beyond gymnastics. They were going to compete for championships, and academics were going to be priority one, but more than that, they were going to encourage their gymnasts to be a part of the larger community around them, to have a sense of balance outside the gym as well as within. They were going to make sure that their ladies knew the importance of making a difference.

Flash forward to today - 33 years of Patterson gymnastics has been a rousing success on all levels, winning championships, earning countless academic honors and above all, graduating successful women who are outstanding members of their communities.

"I'm so proud of everything our ladies accomplish," Sarah Patterson said. "And I think I'm most proud of the impact they are having on the world around them."

That impact is carrying on into their post-Alabama careers, with those like Patti Rice Eggers, part of one of the Pattersons' first classes, and Reagan Tomasek Powell, a member of the 2002 NCAA Championship team, and so many others making community service a core part of their lives. Eggers was part of a group that started Hands on Birmingham, an organization that provides flexible hands-on volunteer opportunities for busy people. For Powell, her choice of employers was influenced by her desire to work for a socially conscience organization, which is why she chose Starbucks, which is known for its community outreach.

"I feel like hopefully that will be our greatest legacy - the fact that these student-athletes have left here and gone on to make their marks, not just professionally and in their lives, but in giving back," David Patterson said. "It's very rewarding to see so many of them involved in great projects in their communities."

When it comes to working in the community, Sarah and David Patterson, along with assistant

coaches Bryan Raschilla and Dana Duckworth, definitely lead by example. They are all extremely active in making the community in which they live a better place.

"It's just neat to see the love our coaches have for our community," Sarah Patterson said. "And I think that love stems from spending the majority, if not our entire professional careers here."

Despite their many hours in the community, the coaches' biggest impact is on the lives of their athletes. With each class they introduce to the fulfillment that comes with community service, they create another generation of Alabama gymnasts who take those lessons out into the world with them. Over time, they have created a virtual army of women who know the importance of helping those around them.

"Learning to be involved in the community at this young point is something you can take with you for the rest of your life," Sarah Patterson said. "If you've learned to give back and be very unselfish with your time while in college, then when you are grown, settled, matured and have your own career, you will continue to give back to society."

As a coaching staff, the causes they support are many and varied, with the common denominator being making the world around them a better place, helping many worthy causes with their time, encouragement and hard work.

When a tornado ripped through Tuscaloosa in April of 2011, just days after Alabama returned to town with its fifth NCAA Championship, the Pattersons sprang in to action, opening their home to those displaced by the damage the storm caused. Sarah Patterson also went to work helping raise money for relief efforts as part of telethons and on a special "Hey, Coach!" radio broadcast in the days and weeks that followed.

"Tuscaloosa has been home for David and I for more than 30 years," Patterson said. "So as soon as the tornado hit, we knew that first we had to make sure the Alabama gymnastics family was ok, which thankfully everyone was, and then we went about helping, as much as we could, to get

the community we love get back on its feet."

Through the years, Sarah Patterson has worked with dozens of worthwhile causes, including serving as chairperson for the Help & Hope Barbecue, the proceeds of which go to the DCH Regional Medical Center's Cancer Center, as well as working with the United Way, Cystic Fibrosis, United Cerebral Palsy, Easter Seals and the Salvation Army among a host of others.

And while her commitment to community outreach has only grown as time has gone by, over the past several years Sarah Patterson's work with the DCH Medical Center Foundation has taken things to an entirely new level. In December of 2004, she joined with the DCH Foundation to create the Alabama Gymnastics/DCH Breast Cancer Fund and went on to create the Power of Pink initiative to help raise money and awareness in the fight against breast cancer. The results have been phenomenal. The Crimson Tide has hosted eight "pink" meets, bringing more than 115,000 people to Coleman Coliseum.

For her hard work, Sarah Patterson was named to the DCH Foundation, Inc. board in 2005.

Most importantly to Sarah Patterson though, is the fact that through her work with the cause and as a member of the board, the fight against breast cancer in this community has reached a new level.

"I'm proud to be a part of such an effort," she said. "Everywhere I've gone, everyone I've talked to about what we're trying to do has been so very positive. No one has said no and everyone has asked how they can help. It's very gratifying to see the community embrace such an important cause."

She was also one of the chairs of the DCH Regional Medical Center's capital campaign which raised funds for the new Cancer Center in Tuscaloosa.

While Sarah's work with the DCH Breast Cancer Fund is most readily identified with the color pink, David Patterson's nearly decade-long involvement with a cause close to his heart is identifiable by a red jersey and two wheels. Starting in 2002 and up until back surgery limited his riding time a few years ago, he was a part of the Camp Smile-A-Mile fund raiser, "The Ride of Love" which is based around the 150-plus mile bike ride from Tuscaloosa to Camp SAM which is located on the shores of Lake Martin at Children's Harbor.

The fundraiser was started by Stephanie Wilkins, Camp Smile-A-Mile's community relations manager, in 2001. In 2002 David Patterson, himself a cancer survivor, joined Wilkins and the Ride and its impact has grown exponentially every year since.

"The whole decision process involved my five-year anniversary of having kidney cancer," Patterson said. "I felt like I wanted to do more for others with cancer. I had known Stephanie for several years because she had been our team nutritionist, so I decided I would get involved with her project."

Camp Smile-A-Mile is an organization that gives children with cancer a place to go for camp, a place where they can be themselves and get treatment, go without prosthetic limbs and hair, and be around others who are like them for support.

David Patterson isn't the only member of the Alabama gymnastics family that has made the Ride. In addition to Wilkins, who served as the Tide's nutritionist, assistant coach Bryan Raschilla and team physician Jimmy Robinson have both made the trek. Former gymnasts Kristin Sterner and Whitney Morgan have also ridden for the cause.

"It is a tremendous cause and it means a great deal to me that so many members of the Tide family have chosen to get involved in the Ride," Patterson said.

In the ROL's first year, Wilkins riding alone raised approximately \$12,200. In June 2002, Wilkins and Patterson, riding together raised approximately \$21,500. The number of riders and the amount of money raised has continued to grow year-by-year. To date the Ride has attracted more than 750 riders and has raised \$950,000 and more than 3,500 children have been able to attend Camp SAM thanks to the Ride of Love. This year's ride is scheduled for May 19, 2012.

In addition to taking part in the Ride of Love, and putting his graphic design skills to good use for the Power of Pink, Raschilla has also swung a hammer for Habitat for Humanity and, after the tornadoes ripped through Tuscaloosa in April of 2011, he took his chain saw and helped friends, neighbors and strangers alike clear debris and fallen trees.

"I love Alabama and the city of Tuscaloosa," Raschilla said. "It's such a great community and it's an amazing place to raise a family. For me, lending a helping hand is a small way that I can give back to a place that has given me and my family so much."

## READBAMAREAD



In the days that followed the tornado that ripped through Tuscaloosa on April 27th, help came pouring into the West Alabama community from near and far, filling immediate needs like food, shelter and clothing for those displaced by the storm.

It was in the days that followed the tornado that Dana Duckworth started thinking about the long-term efforts that would be needed to help the community get back on its feet.

"One of the things we discovered was that in addition to all the other damage and destruction there were also three elementary schools and one middle school that had either lost their entire library in the storm or had most of their library book inventory destroyed," Duckworth said.

That knowledge was a light bulb moment for Duckworth and at that moment ReadBAMARead was born.

"I've always believed that reading is fundamental to all learning, and I knew immediately that this was something that could make a real difference in our community," Duckworth said.

Armed with her legendary energy and enthusiasm, Duckworth and co-founder Donna Benjamin put together a foundation that would help raise money to stock the libraries of the schools once they are rebuilt.

"We know this is a long term project but we believe this is something that people will continue to be passionate about as we move down the road to recovery from the tornado," Duckworth said. "I think that people recognize the importance of education for our children and that readers are leaders."

ReadBAMARead took off immediately. Through a pair of fundraisers and direct donations, the foundation has already raised more than \$7,000 toward its ultimate goal of \$150,000.

Off to a good start, ReadBAMARead got a big boost when David DeSantis and Tuscaloosa Toyota pledged \$200 for every 9.8 or better that Alabama scores during the Crimson Tide's first three meets. A check for Tuscaloosa Toyota's donation will be presented at Alabama's Tornado Relief meet against Missouri on March 9.

"I am so thankful to David DeSantis, Tuscaloosa Toyota, the Literacy Council of West Alabama and so many local retailers and volunteers for becoming a part of ReadBAMARead and helping it grow and thrive," Duckworth said. "The spirit of others giving back to the community is truly inspiring."

The day after the Alabama-Missouri meet, ReadBAMARead will host its first 10-kilometer race and a one-mile Fun Run for children K-5. The event will start at Coleman Coliseum, go through Alberta City, one of the areas hit hardest by the tornado, turn around where Alberta Elementary School once stood and end back on campus.

"When the runners reach the part of the course in some of the most devastated areas, there is no doubt in my mind that they will know what they are running for and feel confident that their contribution will make a difference to our mission," Duckworth said.

Duckworth and Benjamin's initial goal for ReadBAMARead is 10,000 bound library quality books that cost approximately \$15 each for the rebuilt schools. But beyond that, they want to provide a means for people who love Tuscaloosa and the West Alabama community to continue to support its recovery.

"It's my hope that our foundation will give people who want to help a way to stay involved in the recovery effort of our city and at the same time help facilitate the education of the next generation of Tuscaloosans," Duckworth said.

For more on ReadBAMARead, visit [www.ReadBAMARead.org](http://www.ReadBAMARead.org).

## DAVID DESANTIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER ALYSSA CHAPMAN



Scholastic All-American Alyssa Chapman earned the David DeSantis Community Service Award last season.

"Community outreach has always been one of the cornerstones of our program," Sarah Patterson said. "All our ladies learn something from giving back to the community, but in Alyssa's case she discovered what she wanted to do with the rest of her life, and I think that's a tremendous gift."

Chapman, who was also named to the Southeastern Conference Community Service Team, volunteered extensively with a local physical therapy office and is planning to pursue a graduate degree in nursing. She also took part in the Easter Seals "Walk with Me," Project Angel Tree as well as the Crimson Tide's Power

of Pink initiative. She volunteered at the Community Soup Bowl, the Tide's Halloween Extravaganza and with the Stallings RISE Center.

The Tide's community service award is named for the co-owner of Tuscaloosa Toyota and one of the driving forces behind the Power of Pink.

"David DeSantis is so much more than just a great businessman," Patterson said. "He works tirelessly in the community and has been one of the greatest champions of our Power of Pink initiative. His generosity and giving spirit is unmatched. He is someone that our ladies can look

to as an example of what it means to be a good neighbor."

In addition to his many other community outreach efforts, DeSantis has been an integral part in the Crimson Tide's Power of Pink initiative, helping raise more than \$1.25 million for the DCH Breast Cancer Fund through the annual Tuscaloosa Toyota/DCH Foundation Golf Classic and Nite on the Green events.

All-American Kassi Price earned the 2010 honor while All-American Ricki Lebegern became the inaugural recipient of the award in 2009.





# ALABAMA GYMNASTS LEND A HELPING HAND



Alabama gymnastics took time out from summer classes to work with Habitat for Humanity.

Prior to this summer, Ashley Sledge didn't have even a passing knowledge with the most basic of construction equipment. But that changed in late July when she and her Crimson Tide teammates stepped up to help rebuild tornado-damaged Tuscaloosa, taking part in a Habitat for Humanity work day.

"I'd never swung a hammer before, and I wasn't very good to start," Sledge said. "But by the end, I'd gotten a lot better. We all had a couple of missed swings, but after a while we all kind of got the idea. It was a really great experience. I was looking forward to it for quite a while."

In addition to moving supplies and equipment into place, "Team Alabama" also donned work gloves, a nail apron and grabbed their hammers, helping nail plywood sheeting to the frame of the house.

"It was pretty amazing," Sledge said. "This wasn't just a temporary shelter we were helping build, it's an actual home for a family, a place where they can live for a very long time. It was really nice to be a part of that."

In addition to their work with Habitat for Humanity, several gymnasts helped with recovery efforts in the days following the April tornado that cut a swath through Tuscaloosa. Sarah Patterson and Kayla Hoffman appeared on a fund-raising edition of the "Hey, Coach!" radio show while others helped organize and distribute food, water and supplies that poured in from around the country to help those in need.

The tornado recovery efforts are far from the only foray Alabama gymnasts have made into community service. The Tide's most long-standing project is the RISE Christmas Party where, for more than 20 years, the gymnastics team takes one

afternoon just before exams hit, and welcomes the children of the Stallings RISE Center, which includes special needs children in its classes, for their annual Christmas Party, entertaining them in the Tide's practice gym.

The children love it, running, laughing and having a wonderful time. It's also safe to say that the gymnasts probably get as much out of it as the kids, coming away reenergized and ready for the final push into the New Year.

"There's no doubt that our ladies get as much out of working with the RISE program as the children do," Sarah Patterson said. "At a time of year when they are stressed with exams and getting ready to travel home for the holidays and all that goes with the end of the semester, that one afternoon puts so much in perspective."

Whether it is taking part in Easter Seal's annual Walk With Me fundraiser, speaking to local school children about staying away from drugs and alcohol, organizing a bake sale to raise funds for Project AngelTree, painting faces and helping kids with their somersaults during the Tide's annual Halloween Extravaganza or helping raise awareness for the fight against breast cancer with the Power of Pink meet, Alabama gymnasts are busy throughout the community.

For Sarah Patterson, such selfless giving by her athletes ranks right up there with winning championships and is in line with the program's central goal of developing the entire person.

"In the grand scheme of things, we are trying to develop the most balanced student-athlete possible," Patterson said. "That balance includes helping out where we can. There is no doubt that our ladies understand the importance of giving back, of stepping up to help where they can. It is one of the aspects

of this program that I am most proud of."

In 2002, two-time NCAA Champion Andree Pickens earned the Southeastern Conference Community Service award for her tireless work in the Tuscaloosa and University communities.

"The community has already given so much to this team in terms of support," Pickens said. "When you have crowds in excess of 10,000, it's a great tribute to our program. This is our small way to give to them."

And the Tide continues to roll in this crucial area. Scholastic All-American Alyssa Chapman was named to the Southeastern Conference's Community Service Team last season while All-American Kassi Price was named to the team in 2010 and All-American Ricki Lebegern earned the honor in 2009 and 2008. Courtney Priess earned the honor in 2007, Dana Pierce in 2006 and 2005 and former All-American Stephanie Kite was named to the team in 2004.

It's important to note that Patterson does not press her athletes to participate in community service. Individual efforts are strictly voluntary. But each athlete finds their own way to make a difference, from working in soup kitchens to visiting the elderly at assisted living facilities and nearly every gymnast has encouraged schoolchildren through various speaking engagements.

"Any time you have a recognizable student-athlete volunteering her time, it shows people in the community the type of individuals we have involved in our program," Patterson said. "Community service helps our student-athletes to realize that winning and losing aren't the entire game. The collegiate experience should be about the experiences of life. Our involvement with these programs does just that."



Alabama gymnasts with students from University Place Elementary School.

## THE ALABAMA GYMNASTICS FAMILY REACHES OUT

When a tornado ripped through Tuscaloosa on April 27, 2011, the University of Alabama campus was thankfully unscathed, but the town, including several members of the Alabama gymnastics family, weren't so lucky.

Strength coach Travis Illian's house suffered extensive damage while Kayla Hoffman and Megan Mashburn's apartment and Rachel Terry's house were destroyed. Hoffman was caught outside as the tornado roared through her neighborhood. She crouched in a doorway on the first floor of her apartment complex holding on with everything she had while the tornado swept through, flipping her car upside down in the parking lot just a few yards away. Miraculously, she only suffered cuts and bruises through her ordeal. Her harrowing experience was detailed in the May 23rd issue of Sports Illustrated.

After the storm had passed and everyone was accounted for and safe, the gymnastics team, coaches, gymnasts and staff alike, stepped up to make a difference not just for each other, but for the community around them. It wasn't just members of the current team who helped out. Alumni throughout the country brought supplies and sent donations to help Tuscaloosa recover.

As the days turned into months, the extended Alabama family continued to make a difference in the recovery efforts. Because of that fact, when the 2012 team visited University Place Elementary School in September it wasn't just to offer encouragement to those affected by April's devastating tornado, but to deliver toys and supplies that were gathered and donated by Wildewood School in

Ralston, Neb., where Susan Laxton, the mother of former Crimson Tide gymnast Meredith Laxton, teaches kindergarten.

"So many of our current and former gymnasts did so much after the tornado to help get Tuscaloosa back on their feet," Sarah Patterson said. "When Meredith Laxton's mother Susan heard what had happened, she gathered her students together and asked them what they could do to help and they sent boxes of toys, books and school supplies."

The gymnasts helped the University Place students, many of whom lost everything in the storm, pick out items to take home.

"It was such an amazing moment when the children saw everything laid out on the tables in the library," Patterson said. "It was like Christmas morning. It meant so much to our ladies to see that and to have a hand in helping children who lost so much."

In addition to many of University Place's students losing their homes and most of their possessions in the tornado, they also lost their school. As the rebuilding process continues,

the school's pre-kindergarten through fifth grade classes are temporarily located in the former Stillman Heights Elementary School building.

"Today was amazing," junior All-American Ashley Sledge said. "There was so much to do, and so much that was done right after the tornado hit, but there are so many in this community who are still working to overcome all the damage, and everything that was lost. Today is a great example of how people can continue to make a difference in the recovery effort that is going to be going on for quite some time."



Kayla Hoffman's harrowing experience in the midst of the tornado was part of Sports Illustrated's cover story about the storm and its effects.



# THE POWER OF PINK



Pink shakers, pink shirts, even the occasional pink boa - once a season, everyone puts on their best pink outfits, grabs their favorite pink accessories and heads to Coleman Coliseum for a gymnastics meet. The pink isn't as much a fashion statement, but a show of support for Sarah Patterson's Power of Pink initiative, now in its eighth year.

It started with a simple idea. Sarah Patterson wanted to help raise awareness for the fight against breast cancer, a disease that has touched the lives of so many women around the world.

"I realize that I am very lucky," Patterson said. "Not only to be healthy, but also that I have access to excellent medical care. Not everyone is so fortunate, and I wanted to do something that would help those who need it most."

So she picked Alabama vs. Auburn on Feb. 4, 2005, and designated it as the "Drive 4 the Cause" meet. She asked everyone to mark the date and to "Think Pink, Wear Pink."

Since that first meet, the numbers have been staggering. Over the past seven years more than 100,000 fans have filled Coleman Coliseum with pink for the annual event, including an Alabama and Southeastern Conference record 15,162 fans in 2006 and matching sell-outs of 15,075 in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

"I have been so amazed at how the community has responded to this, how it has been embraced at every turn and how it continues to grow day-by-day," Patterson said.

Within the UA athletics department the event has grown from gymnastics to other sports to the point where Alabama Athletics' Power of Pink, sponsored by Tuscaloosa Toyota, has events three

times a year, one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring when UA women's teams host events.

The Power of Pink has gone beyond UA athletics and Tuscaloosa, exploding into a nationwide cause. Since the Crimson Tide hosted its first meet in 2005, more than three dozen of the nation's top gymnastics programs have either hosted or participated in a "pink" meet, including every member of the Southeastern Conference. The Women's Basketball Coaches Association started its pink initiative in 2007, encouraging its members to participate in a "Think Pink" week that has now evolved into the WBCA's "Pink Zone."

There have been similar efforts in women's soccer and volleyball at the collegiate level as well. Even the NFL and Major League Baseball have gotten into the act with NFL players wearing pink gloves, chinstraps and shoes during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October and MLB players using pink bats on Mother's Day in a show of support in the fight against breast cancer.

"When I look around at all the meets and events and how this has spread through the sports world, it is an unbelievable feeling," Patterson said. "It's such a vital cause and these events really bring attention to the fight that goes on every day. I can't help but smile when I'm out grocery shopping, or working out, or where ever I am, and I see someone wearing a Tuscaloosa Toyota Power of Pink T-shirt, and there is rarely a day that goes by when I don't see someone wearing one, because that tells me that the message continues long after the event is over."

This year, Alabama will host its eighth "Drive

4 the Cause" meet Friday, Feb. 17 when the Arkansas Razorbacks come to Coleman Coliseum with their pink leotards.

"We have this amazing platform at Alabama and I knew that it was something that we could use to help the women of this community," she said. "If just one woman comes to our meets and is helped by what we're doing, then it's all been worth it."

While those around her sing her praises for all she has done in the community, especially in the fight against breast cancer, Patterson says she receives so much more than she gives.

"I am so fortunate to not only be in a position where I can offer this help," she said. "But to be able to work with so many wonderful, dynamic people who are out there every day making a difference in this community is truly amazing. I draw on their enthusiasm and spirit."

From the beginning, support for Patterson's Power of Pink initiative was swift and widespread. She started to talk to the leaders in the Tuscaloosa community about her idea and everyone she talked to got on board, offering advice and support.

"So many people have worked extremely hard and put in long hours for this worthy cause, this vital fight," Patterson said. "What we all realize is that as Coach Paul Bryant was fond of saying 'The price of victory is high, but so are the rewards.' I can think of no greater reward, no better return on the investment of time and resources so many have put forth, than beating this disease."

Among those who joined with Patterson in the early days of the Power of Pink initiative



was Larry O'Neal, who was DCH's Vice President of Development at the time. O'Neal not only encouraged her when she first brought the idea for the cause to him, but immediately went to work to support her efforts.

"I will always be grateful to Larry O'Neal, for listening to me and my vision for this event and believing in me and the power of dreams," Patterson said. "Without Larry, none of this would have been possible."

Through the auspices of O'Neal and the DCH Regional Medical Center the DCH Breast Cancer Fund was set up within the DCH Foundation. The fund is designed to provide disadvantaged women with the means for early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

"Every three minutes a woman in the United States is diagnosed with breast cancer, but how many women experience problems that go undetected due to a lack of knowledge or limited financial abilities to undergo testing?" Patterson said. "After watching first hand as friends, family members and loved ones deal with the impact of this disease, I felt it was important to use our sport, its visibility, and this event as a platform to help raise the awareness of breast cancer and how women can protect themselves from this disease."

Patterson also found a more than willing partner in local businessman David DeSantis, the co-owner of Tuscaloosa Toyota.

"We have come so far because of the vision of David DeSantis," Patterson said. "He is without a doubt the most charitable businessman that I have ever been associated with. Everyone that has been associated with this endeavor will tell you that David's drive and can-do spirit has been a driving force for the Power of Pink."

Media coverage of the Alabama gymnastics team's Power of Pink campaign has been extensive to say the least. Five times The Tuscaloosa News has done a

special "Gameday" section on the "pink" meet" as well as providing Alabama front-page exposure the next day. And in October of 2010, the entire Birmingham News went pink, not only producing a slate of stories on the fight against breast cancer, including a story on Patterson's Power of Pink efforts, but every page was printed on pink paper as well.

"Tom Arenberg, the sports editor of the Birmingham News, explained what they were going to do, so I knew what was coming, but when I actually saw the paper ... it was just incredible," Patterson said of the pink edition.

The coverage has not only been state-wide, with stories in all Alabama's daily papers and on TV news broadcasts, but nation-wide as well. USAToday has featured the meet extensively and for three years in a row, the Alabama gymnastics program was featured in Time magazine as part of Toyota's ad campaign that recognizes dealerships making an impact in the community.

"To be in Time was certainly amazing," Patterson said. "But most importantly, it is yet another way to get the word out about our fight against breast cancer."

The Power of Pink continues to grow every day, and because of the way Tuscaloosa has taken to the Power of Pink, women in the West Alabama community have someone in their corner in the fight against breast cancer.

"Coach Sarah Patterson's 'Power of Pink' gymnastics meets have provided a highly visible vehicle to raise funds for a very worthy cause – The DCH Breast Cancer Fund," O'Neal said. "Through her efforts and initiative the DCH Foundation established the Breast Cancer Fund in December 2004. Because of her vision and passion in fighting breast cancer, lives will be saved. What better legacy can one create during a lifetime?"

## THE DCH BREAST CANCER FUND

The DCH Foundation set up a fund to support Sarah Patterson's Power of Pink initiative in the winter of 2004. Donations can be made to the DCH Breast Cancer Fund by mailing a check to: DCH Foundation, 809 University Blvd. E., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. The DCH Breast Cancer Fund should be noted on the memo line of the check.

The DCH Foundation, Inc. was established in 1973 to provide a way for citizens of West Alabama to help create for themselves the best health system in the nation.

**More about the DCH Breast Cancer Fund:** The DCH Breast Cancer Fund's purpose is to promote awareness and provide educational programs on prevention and early detection of breast cancer. The Fund also provides breast screenings to women in need of those services. Patients who meet the eligibility requirements will be provided assistance to pay for early detection services at the DCH Cancer Center. Eligibility criteria will be prepared and provided upon request.





## STANDING ALONGSIDE HEROES



Kayla Hoffman with former UA gymnast Ann Wilhide Dziadon

It started with a letter.

A fan sent a message to Sarah Patterson suggesting that prior to Alabama's Power of Pink meet breast cancer survivors be introduced along with each gymnast.

"I thought it was such a wonderful idea," Patterson said. "From the beginning the Power of Pink has been about helping women fight breast cancer and those 18 women standing next to our ladies put a human face on that fight."

A total of 18 breast cancer survivors were introduced alongside the gymnasts and coaches prior to the 2010 Alabama-Arizona meet on Feb. 19, including David Patterson's mother, Shirley Cook, Becca Alexin's aunt, LeAnn Cannon, and Ashley Sledge's aunt, Patricia Davis. Those three were joined in the spotlight on the floor of Coleman Coliseum by Linda Bell, Verta Barr Meherg, Ann Webb, Doris Weems, Lucille Ducarpe, Donna Farmer, Donna Galloway, Priscilla Hutchins, Vicki Pendley, Shelley Michaels, Carol Moore Smith, Catherine Morton, Sandra Keith, Linda Plowman Fikes and Joan Spiller Ashcraft. Two at a time, gymnast and survivor, their names were called with fireworks exploding each time, adding additional poignancy to an already inspirational night.

The 2010 event was such a wonderful success that it is now an annual event. Last season, prior to the Tide's seventh annual Power of Pink/Drive 4 the Cause meet, 18 survivors were again introduced and honored, including Ann Wilhide Dziadon, a member of Sarah and David Patterson's first recruiting class and a four-year cancer survivor. Dziadon and David Patterson's mother, Shirley Cook, were joined by Doris Weems, Lucille Ducarpe, Brenda Hill, Beverly Laird, Jo Davis, Carol Smitherman, Ellie Duncan, Kim Wolbach, Linda Ogletree, Judy Livingston, Lynn Purser, Regena Payne, Lynn Giles, Pat Toxey, Kristy Miley and Charlotte Harris.

"I just had a lot of fun, the whole night," said Geralen Stack-Eaton, who won the all-around with a career-high score during the 2011 Power of Pink meet against Kentucky. "It was all for such a good cause. I was feeding off that. Spending time with those women who are cancer survivors is just so encouraging and inspiring."

## LIGHTNING COLEMAN COLISEUM PINK

For the last seven years, the Alabama gymnastics team has colored the interior of Coleman Coliseum in pink for its annual Power of Pink initiative aimed at raising awareness in the fight against breast cancer. In 2010, for the sixth annual Power of Pink "Drive 4 the Cause" meet, the Crimson Tide took things a step further, lighting both the front of the Coliseum and the night sky in pink with help from the College of Arts and Sciences, campus electricians and local businesses.

"It was so amazing to see the Coliseum bathed in pink light all the way from Bryant Drive up to the front doors," Sarah Patterson said. "What an amazing display for this great cause, for the Power of Pink."

There is an old saying that it takes a village to raise a child and in the case of the Power of Pink, it took a campus to color the outside of Coleman Coliseum. Associate professor Craig Wedderspoon, along with instructor Jamey Grimes and graduate assistant Joe McCreary, all from the Department of Art and Art History, spearheaded the effort to light the night pink. The trio received technical assistance from Tim Porter, Phillip Trull, Donny Jones and other campus electricians along with Col. Duane Lamb, UA Assistant Vice President/Facilities and Grounds.

A labor of love across the UA campus, the College of Arts and Sciences, headed by Dr. Robert Olin, the college's dean, the Department of Art and Art History, led by Dr. Cathy Pagani and UA Academic Affairs, led by Dr. Judy Bonner, all donated money and resources to the project.

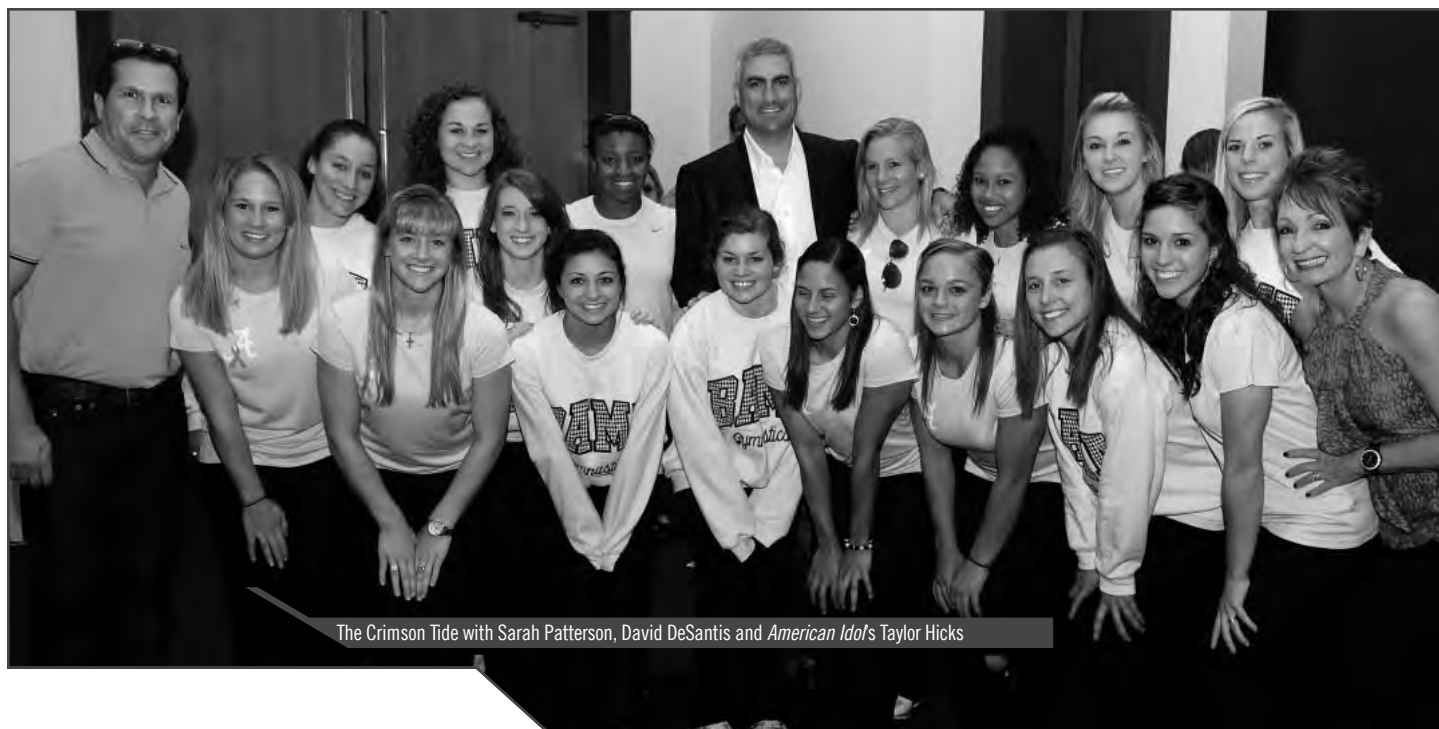


In the community, David DeSantis and Tuscaloosa Toyota, the sponsor of the Alabama Athletics' Power of Pink department-wide initiative, along with the Harrison Galleries, donated funds to make the lighting project a success while Phifer Wire donated material for a sculpture that Grimes created for the event.

The project, which took countless hours by all involved, gave a special glow to the Power of

Pink events and was a bright reminder of the cause everyone is working so hard for.

In 2011, Wedderspoon and company once again lit the Coliseum pink, expanding their efforts from just the front of the building, to the entire structure for the seventh annual Power of Pink meet against Kentucky.



The Crimson Tide with Sarah Patterson, David DeSantis and American Idol's Taylor Hicks

## SUPPORTING THE DCH BREAST CANCER FUND

Support for Sarah Patterson's Power of Pink initiative has been tremendous from the very start, from the more than 100,000 fans who have poured into Coleman Coliseum, all wearing pink for the Crimson Tide's first seven "Drive 4 the Cause" meets to the spread of pink events throughout the athletics department, the Southeastern Conference and ultimately the nation.

Support has been equally impressive for the two events which raise money for the Alabama Gymnastics/DCH Breast Cancer Fund - A Nite on the Green and the Tuscaloosa Toyota/DCH Foundation Golf Classic. Thanks to those two events and the generous support of the West Alabama community, funding raced past the \$1 million mark in 2010 and added another \$200,000 this past fall.



"This is beyond anything I could have imagined when we started," Sarah Patterson said. "The outpouring of support has been so incredible and so many people have worked so hard to make all this a reality. And while we're very proud of all we have accomplished, we realize the more that we do, the more money we raise, the more women we can help fight this terrible disease."

The Alabama Gymnastics/DCH Breast Cancer Fund was started in the fall of 2004 to support Patterson's Power of Pink initiative, providing awareness, education, screenings and support for underinsured women in the West Alabama area.

A Nite on the Green evolved from a dinner held before the 2005 Golf Classic to thank players and sponsors. The event also gave non-golfers a way to be a part of the Power of Pink. From that first dinner, a highly successful annual fund raiser for the Breast Cancer Fund has evolved as well as one of Tuscaloosa's "must attend" events, one that features live and silent auctions, music, dancing and great food all for a great cause.

The 2011 Nite on the Green was once again held at the Bryant Conference Center across the street from Coleman Coliseum. The fun and excitement was raised to an entirely new level with Taylor Hicks of American Idol fame on hand to provide the music for the night.

"Taylor Hicks was amazing, the silent auction featured so many wonderful items and the live auction was so exciting," Patterson said after the 2011 Nite on the Green.

"Everyone knows someone in their lives who has been affected by this terrible disease and the more awareness and the more money we raise, the more we can do to make a difference in the West Alabama community. That's why everyone involved works so hard to make a Nite on the Green all that it is."



The Tuscaloosa Toyota/DCH Foundation Golf Classic typically follows A Nite on the Green by a day or two and while the tournament itself is always a lot of fun, the excitement really builds at the end of the day with the start of the annual shoot-out where one lucky golfer wins a brand new car courtesy of Tuscaloosa Toyota. This year's winner, Robert Kuhn, donated his prize back to the DCH Breast Cancer Fund.

"The support for these events, and the Power of Pink as a whole, has been phenomenal," said David DeSantis, co-owner of Tuscaloosa Toyota and one of the chairs of A Nite on the Green and the Golf Classic.



# KEEPING UP WITH THE CRIMSON TIDE



Whether it's on TV, online or on the radio, keeping up with the Alabama gymnastics team has never been easier. Newspapers, television, radio, magazines and the Internet ... if it carries information, you can be guaranteed Alabama gymnastics has a voice in it.

Over the past 30 years, coverage of the Crimson Tide gymnastics program has grown exponentially. There's no secret formula for the Tide's media success. Alabama wins - a lot - with five NCAA Championships and seven Southeastern Conference Championships since 1988 to go with more than 400 regular season wins since 1979.

The second part of Alabama's formula for media success is interest. To have such a wide variety of media outlets covering its doings on a regular basis, Alabama had to prove that people cared. An average of 11,000-plus fans per meet over the past dozen years certainly qualifies as interest.

"It's not just enough to win if you want the media to cover you," Sarah Patterson said. "You have to convince them that people care. Once our attendance started to rise into the thousands, I think the newspapers and television stations started to understand."

The Crimson Tide has also benefited from the Southeastern Conference's broadcast package with ESPN and Fox Sports. Once again, all six of Alabama's regular season SEC meets will be broadcast as part of the league's ground-breaking television deal. The SEC Championships air on both ESPN2 and ESPNU this year. When it comes to the NCAA Championships, CBS Sports has broadcast each of Alabama's five national titles.

Alabama gymnastics also has its own weekly television show. The "Sarah Patterson Show" is in its 13th season this year. The half-hour television

program, co-hosted by Sarah Patterson and long-time Tide personality Tom Roberts, is broadcast to millions of homes per week.

In addition, Patterson and company are featured on a weekly video feed that sends highlights and interviews to television stations around the country who pick up this feed and use it in local and national broadcasts.

All of the Tide's home meets are streamed live over the Internet via RollTide.com and Alabama is in the eighth year of simulcasting all its meets on the radio and Internet. Rich Robinson and Leesa Davis will be calling all the action this season. The broadcasts originate from WVUA-FM in Tuscaloosa and are available over the Internet at [www.newrock907.com](http://www.newrock907.com).

Patterson is a regular on "Hey, Coach!", the Tide's weekly radio program and talk radio show hosts throughout the state who like lively and knowledgeable guests on their shows call on Patterson often.

As for keeping up with the day-to-day aspects of the Tide, the Internet continues to make that easier all the time. The gymnastics team keeps fans and media alike in the know with its Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/BamaGymnastics](http://www.facebook.com/BamaGymnastics), and Twitter feed, @BamaGymnastics. Patterson also has her own Twitter feed - @UACoachSarah.

Fans can also access a pair of websites devoted to the Alabama gymnasts and their accomplishments. The official University of Alabama Athletics site is located at RollTide.com. The other key site for those who want to be in the know about UA gymnastics is GymTide.com which is a product of Alabama's booster organization, The Medalist Club. The group was one of the first booster organizations for any sport to have its own website and since the 2000 season, Jan Davis has been providing live online commentary of all the Tide's meets, routine-by-routine, on GymTide.com.

## ALABAMA'S 2012 TELEVISED MEETS

Meet Date	Opponent	Network	Initial Broadcast Airing
Jan. 13	Georgia	ESPN2 & ESPNU	1/19 - 5:30 p.m. on ESPNU 1/22 - 6 p.m. on ESPN2
Jan. 27	Auburn	CSS	1/31 - 6 p.m. on CSS
Feb. 3	Florida	CSS	2/7 - 6 p.m. on CSS
Feb. 10	Kentucky	FSN	2/18 - 6 p.m. on FSN
Feb. 17	Arkansas	ESPNU	2/23 - 5:30 p.m. on ESPNU
Feb. 24	LSU	ESPN2 & ESPNU	3/1 - 9:30 p.m. on ESPNU 3/4 - 7 p.m. on ESPN2
March 24	SEC Championships	ESPN2 & ESPNU	3/29 - 7 p.m. on ESPN2 4/2 - 7 p.m. on ESPNU
April 20-22	NCAA Championships	ESPN	TBA
*All Times Central			

## FOLLOW THE TIDE



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[www.facebook.com/BamaGymnastics](http://www.facebook.com/BamaGymnastics)

Alabama Gymnastics on Twitter:

@BamaGymnastics

Sarah Patterson on Twitter:

@UACoachSarah

And to round out the family affair on GymTide.com, Jan and Leesa Davis' brother Jim has been providing photography and videography for the site since its inception in the late 90s. Through the Davis family and a host of other hardworking volunteers, Alabama gymnastics enjoys unprecedented online coverage.

"When I started, I had no way of knowing the advances that would be made in communication and technology," Patterson said. "But I did know that I wanted Alabama to compete and achieve at the highest level and I wanted people to know about it. Some of the ways in which we receive coverage boggles my mind, but the amount of coverage is what I had hoped for."

Coverage from Alabama's dozen daily newspapers has grown to the point that Patterson has a weekly media availability to accommodate all the writers. The Tuscaloosa News has done several "Game Days," a four-page special section, on the Crimson Tide. The gymnastics team is a regular on the front page of the state's sports sections and occasionally makes its way onto the front page of the paper.

Magazines devoted to Crimson Tide athletics, such as Bama Magazine, Crimson Magazine and Tuscaloosa Magazine routinely cover the gymnastics program, but national magazines such as Sports Illustrated and Glamour Magazine have also featured Tide gymnasts. Sports Illustrated on Campus featured four-time NCAA Champion Ashley Miles as one of six collegiate athletes, regardless of sport or gender, to watch in 2005.

Alabama is also one of the few women's teams in the nation that has a full program for each of its home events. Crimson Tide Sports Marketing, the marketing arm of the athletic department, produces a full color, 56-page program for each regular season home meet of the season. The programs include interviews, statistics, features and opponent information.

## CRIMSON TIDE GYMNASTICS OVER THE AIRWAVES

From Tuscaloosa to Norman, Okla., to Duluth, Ga., and all the Crimson Tide stops in between, Alabama gymnastics fans who can't see all the action live can once again follow along on the radio courtesy of WVUA-FM.

Leesa Davis is in her eighth season broadcasting the Alabama gymnastics meets and is joined on the air by Rich Robinson, in his first season. The duo makes Alabama the only team in the nation to have all its meets, home and away, regular and postseason, broadcast on the radio and the Internet.

The enterprise has been a resounding success, with fans who can't be at the Tide's meets following on the radio or through WVUA's web presence. There are even those who listen to the call while at the meets.

In addition to describing the action, gymnast and coach interviews, trivia quizzes and post meet wrap-ups are all part of the show.

For their hard work in covering the Crimson Tide, the Davis family - sisters Jan and Leesa and brother Jim - were honored with the David Dutton Memorial Award, which goes to those individuals that go above and beyond for the Alabama gymnastics program, in 2007.

With Leesa on the radio, Jan doing online commentary for GymTide.com and Jim taking care of photography and video for the web, the Davis trio makes sure Alabama fans stay up to date.



## ALABAMA GYMNASTICS IN THE NEWS

In addition to being regulars on television, on the internet and in magazines, Crimson Tide gymnastics is also front page news for Alabama's daily newspapers. The Tide is routinely on the front of the sports section around the state and occasionally makes page one of the entire paper when it does something particularly noteworthy, like winning one of its five NCAA Championships or seven Southeastern Conference titles.

Alabama gymnastics has also warranted its own special section in the Tuscaloosa News on average of once a year over the last decade. Those special sections usually come in conjunction with the Tide's annual Power of Pink meet and look at a variety of topics, including the art of vaulting, the physics of gymnastics and Alabama's ever growing attendance.







# THE MEDALIST CLUB: THE BEST SUPPORTED BY THE BEST



Officially organized in 1987, The Medalist Club was formed to support all aspects of Alabama gymnastics. Since that time, the group has grown to over 300 memberships representing more than 700 people.

As the Alabama gymnastics program continues to grow, so does its fan base. The Medalist Club seeks not only to cheer on the gymnasts, but also provide a means by which fans can come together in an organized way to support the program.

"Through everything we accomplished last year, the Medalist Club was there with us," Sarah Patterson said. "The amazing support we receive from our fans, especially the Medalist Club, is vital to our program continuing to excel at a championship level. Year-after-year they have filled Coleman Coliseum, as well as arenas around the country, to support our ladies and help carry them to the very top."

Cheering the Tide on to championships is far from the Medalist Club's only purpose. Through the years, the club has helped support the team in a variety of ways, including extra touches such as helping furnish the team room with computers and a flat-screen television and most recently a state-of-the-art video system for the gym.

"The Medalist Club is always looking for ways to make our great program better," 2010 club president Jack Goertz said. "When we asked Sarah, 'What can we do, what's your dream?' She said the coaching staff had been looking at an integrated video system and that a donation toward that would be a big help."

After looking at the system that was on Patterson's wish list, The Medalist Club came to a decision.

"We looked at it and after talking it through we decided to see if we could finance the whole thing," Goertz said. "Thanks to our generous supporters and Medalist Club members we were able to buy the whole system. We were glad to be able to do that, to add one more piece that will help keep Alabama at the forefront of collegiate gymnastics."

"This video system is a tremendous asset to our program and I can't thank The Medalist Club enough for providing us with this valuable tool," Patterson said.

More than just providing the program with amenities for its team room and the video system, Patterson believes The Medalist Club provides the team with an important link in its chain of success.

"This goes beyond the realm of a plain booster organization that provides financial support," Patterson said. "The emotional support they provide is what sets them apart from any other organization."

"This is a group of people focused together on providing support for our student-athletes in terms of fellowship in a family atmosphere," Patterson explained. "They have taken the art of being a fan and turned it into something that allows everyone, including the student-athletes, to enjoy the benefit of it."

Families are a focal point of the booster group. With the inception of "Tide Tykes/Tide Teens" in 1999, children have had the chance to hang out

with the gymnasts in their own special reception. That program continues the sense of family that the Tide gymnastics program has fostered over the past 33 years under Sarah and David Patterson.

"It's a great family activity," Patterson said. "It provides children with the opportunity to be involved with some terrific role models."

The Medalist Club is also instrumental in helping the Tide host the many SEC and NCAA competitions that have come to Tuscaloosa and Coleman Coliseum over the years, including the 1991, 1996 and 2002 NCAA Championships and a dozen NCAA Regional Championships, including last spring's 2011 regional.

"The support we get from The Medalist Club in hosting championship meets is one of the reasons that our hospitality is nationally known," Patterson said.

The Medalist Club is continually growing and changing, working diligently to remain at the forefront of support organizations.

For the eighth season in a row the club will help underwrite the radio broadcasts of all the Tide's meets, home and away, on WVUA-FM and the Internet.

The club's website, GymTide.com, sponsored through corporate partnerships, was among the nation's first and remains one of the best with a variety of features that allows the Tide's fans to get to know and keep up with the program. The highly popular site boasts innovative and informative features in a wide array of formats, all designed to give a comprehensive look at one of the nation's top collegiate programs.

## THE PATTERSON DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



2011 Distinguished Alumni Ann Wilhide Dziadon with Sarah Patterson and Medalist Club President Jim Slayton.

Ann Wilhide Dziadon, a member of Sarah and David Patterson's inaugural recruiting class, was named The Medalist Club's "Sarah Patterson Distinguished Alumni Award" winner last season. The award recognizes members of the Crimson Tide gymnastics family who have gone on to lead lives of distinction.

An All-SEC honoree and 1983 graduate from the University of Alabama with a degree in public relations, Wilhide has spent more than 20 years working at the University of West Florida where she has served as the university registrar since 1993. A breast cancer survivor, she has worked tirelessly to raise money and awareness in the fight against breast cancer, including working with Relay for Life, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge.

"Annie has worked tirelessly in education for her entire professional career," Sarah Patterson said. "She has made a tremendous difference for the students of West Florida. What's more, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she became not just a survivor, but a tremendous advocate in the search for a cure. She is an inspiration to me and to every one of her Alabama gymnastics sisters, from this year's team to her own teammates."

Dziadon follows Meredith (Willard) Luber, 2010; Dr. Julie (Estin) Vaughn, 2009; Dana (Dobransky) Duckworth, 2008; Marie Robbins, 2007; Patti (Rice) Eggers, 2006; and the award's inaugural recipient Barbara (Mack) Harding, 2005.

## THE MEDALIST CLUB POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

One of the unique and wonderful aspects of The Medalist Club is its postgraduate scholarship program designed to give members of the Crimson Tide gymnastics family a chance to continue their education at the University of Alabama.

As a former Alabama gymnastics standout, Patti Eggers, the past chairperson for the postgraduate scholarship committee, recognizes the importance and significance of awarding the scholarships.

"It is tremendous," Eggers said. "We can show success and how important academics are to all the people who supported us."

"This again demonstrates that The Medalist Club supports student-athletes," coach Sarah Patterson explained. "It exemplifies the things about the program that we want to emphasize: we are about athletes and education."

Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the Alabama gymnastics program may apply for the postgraduate scholarship. This includes alumni, trainers and managers. The money is awarded upon completion of eligibility and graduation.

The scholarship is the first of its kind to be awarded, Patterson said. "It's nice to set the standard. We lead the nation in NCAA and SEC postgraduate scholarship winners in our program. This is just another arena that we have opened up to our student-athletes."

All-American and NCAA Champion Morgan Dennis, a member of the 2009 SEC Championship team, is the latest recipient of the scholarship. Dennis graduated with a Master's degree in sports management in December of 2011.

Past recipients include Lexa Evans, Gwen Spidle, Andree Pickens, Alexa Martinez, Michelle Reeser, Kaitlin White, Ashley O'Neal, Sara Scarborough and Kassi Price.



2011 Medalist Club President Jim Slayton, 2011 Medalist Club Postgraduate Scholarship recipient and 2012 MC President Lance Hocutt.



## SARAH AND DAVID PATTERSON COACHES

Throughout their careers, Sarah and David Patterson have always said that at the University of Alabama you can truly have it all, and there is no better example of that fact than last year's tremendous success.

The Crimson Tide enjoyed a season for the ages in 2011, going 11-1 in the regular season, which pushed the Pattersons over the 400 mark in career regular-season wins. Alabama followed that up with the postseason 'triple crown', winning its fifth NCAA Championship, seventh Southeastern Conference crown and an NCAA-best 26th regional title. Individually, Gerialen Stack-Eaton won the Tide's 22nd individual NCAA title while she and six other UA gymnasts earned All-American honors. Kayla Hoffman made the absolute most of her senior year, earning SEC, regional and national gymnast of the year honors as well as being named the SEC Female Athlete of the Year and earning the NCAA Today's Top VIII award.

In the classroom, the Tide was just as successful, turning in a program-record 3.71 team grade point average, making Alabama one of only two schools in the country that competed at the national championships and finished in top-20 nationally by team GPA. Alabama also set the school mark in Scholastic All-American honors in a single season when 14 gymnasts earned the accolade. A league and Alabama record 16 gymnasts earned a place on the SEC Academic Honor Roll while all 17 members of the 2011 team earned a 3.2 or bet-

ter GPA, including five that earned perfect 4.0s.

In the community, the Alabama gymnastics team continued to make a difference in the world around them, spending hour upon hour of their free time helping those around them in ways both great and small. This included helping those in need get back on their feet after the tornado that tore through Tuscaloosa in April as well as working with the Power of Pink, Easter Seals, the Stallings RISE Center, Project AngelTree and local schools among many other causes.

While 2011 was certainly an extraordinary season, during which Alabama rose to new heights, that kind of excellence in all areas is the norm for the Crimson Tide under the Pattersons. The duo, in their 34th year coaching at Alabama, has built a program that has remained a constant among the nation's elite for more than 30 years. That sustained greatness led to the Pattersons becoming the only coaches in collegiate gymnastics history to win NCAA titles in four different decades – with the first coming in the '80s, followed by two in the '90s and one each in the '00s and the '10s.

"I don't know that there is a secret to the success we've enjoyed over the years," Sarah Patterson said. "I think you start by always demanding excellence from yourself. But then I think you have to change with the times. When we started our coaching careers I was two to three years older than some of our athletes. Now these young women are the same age as my youngest daughter. As a coach,

to be successful, you have to be able to grow and adapt with the times. You have to be able to see how young people change, what motivates them and influences them, and you have to take your basic philosophy and continue to work it within the mold of those student athletes."

The seeds of Alabama's success were planted with the Pattersons' very first recruiting class. The duo promised that class Alabama would make it to the national championships during their careers. As seniors, that first recruiting class marched into the 1983 NCAA Championships where the Tide finished an amazing fourth at their first national championship appearance.

The Tide has not missed an NCAA Championship appearance since, making it 29 in a row last season, the second longest streak in the history of collegiate gymnastics.

During that 29-year span, Alabama became one of just four teams in collegiate gymnastics history to win an NCAA Championship. The Tide has also finished in the top six 27 times, including 20 top-three finishes.

Alabama's first national title came in 1988 and it cemented the Tide's place among the nation's elite programs and gave credence to the coaching philosophy that Sarah and David Patterson had utilized since day one of their coaching career.

"We had gotten to a point going into the '88 season, after coming up a little short in '87, where we had some long talks about our philosophy

of trying to develop the whole person and being involved in the community and stressing academics and were we still going to try to keep that focus,” David Patterson said. “And we decided that yes, even if we never win a championship, this is the way we want to run our program. So it was very rewarding that next year, right after we’d had those conversations, to win.”

Alabama also won its first SEC Championship in 1988 as well as the NCAA Regional title, giving the Tide its first championship ‘triple crown’.

“That season proved you could have that philosophy, those priorities,” Sarah Patterson said.



“It proved you could coach for a championship, you could instill that academic success was first and foremost and you could treat your student-athletes as maturing individuals who you want to see become better citizens who will continue to grow after graduation.”

Alabama followed the 1988 NCAA crown with national championships in 1991, 1996, 2002 and last season. The Tide also collected SEC titles in 1988, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2003 and 2009 to go with last season’s championship.

Individually, Alabama gymnasts have earned 261 All-American honors and 22 NCAA Championships. Seven times a member of the Crimson Tide has earned the Honda Award, given annually to the nation’s top gymnast. UA gymnasts have also earned the NCAA Today’s Top VIII award, presented annually to the nation’s top-eight senior student-athletes, regardless of gender or NCAA division, four times.

Patterson-coached athletes have earned 22 NCAA and Southeastern Conference postgraduate scholarships, another figure that is best in the nation, as well as 162 Scholastic All-American and 229 SEC Academic Honor Roll accolades.

While those numbers just scratch the surface of the Pattersons’ accomplishments, it does outline a pattern of success that is extraordinary even among

the nation’s elite collegiate programs. That is one of the reasons that when ESPN began making plans to start a new unit within its sports empire targeted to women, ESPN/W, they asked Sarah to serve on the advisory panel.

Such recognition of her contribution to the landscape of women’s athletics over the past 33 years is certainly gratifying, but what Sarah and David Patterson are most proud of is the success their gymnasts enjoy after they leave Alabama. After spending their collegiate careers at the Capstone, Tide gymnasts invariably go on to lead lives of distinction, both professionally and personally.

“Winning championships never grows old,” Sarah Patterson said. “And I have thoroughly enjoyed watching our ladies take home conference and national championships and awards, but there is nothing like the sense of satisfaction I get watching our ladies go out into the world and use what they learned at Alabama, both in the classroom and in the gym, to make themselves successful. It is simply the best feeling in the world.”

Alabama’s all-time roster is filled with highly successful doctors and lawyers, mothers and executives, teachers and engineers and they all share the common thread that they learned the habit of success at Alabama. That fact is probably the single greatest measure of Sarah and David Patterson’s three decades of success at Alabama. The Pattersons are also extremely proud of the role their current gymnasts and alumni play in the community.

“I think as David and I have matured we’ve placed a greater emphasis in our own lives on community service and how we can help,” Sarah Patterson said. “I feel that if we can instill that quality, that characteristic of giving in our athletes when they are 18 to 22, and they have the sense of accomplishment that working in the community gives, then when they graduate and go out into the world, they will have gained so much from that experience that they will always be giving people. That’s something that’s very important.”

One of the reasons that the Pattersons have been so successful over the years is that the tenets of excellence upon which they have built the Alabama program have been a constant from day one.

“The core of what we are today hasn’t changed from 20, 30 years ago,” Sarah Patterson said. “Now we’ve gotten a little older and a little wiser, but when you get right down to it we still have the same philosophy, the same goals and the same drive to succeed on all levels that we did at the start.”

There have been some changes along the way, including David Patterson’s retirement from the University in the fall of 2008, which allowed him to assume the volunteer coaching position. He had surgery after the 2005 season to fuse four vertebrae in his spine to help ease chronic back problems.

“Nothing has really changed as far as the gymnasts are concerned,” David Patterson said. “The biggest difference is that now my relationship with our student-athletes begins when they come on campus, instead of on the recruiting trail.”

While he isn’t on the road recruiting, or spotting in the gym, he still plans practices as he always has and is still in the gym every day, watching, teaching and encouraging.

In addition to her coaching duties, Sarah Patter-

son is the driving force behind the Power of Pink initiative that raises awareness in the fight against breast cancer and has raised over \$1.25 million for the DCH Breast Cancer Fund established by Alabama gymnastics and the DCH Foundation in 2004 to help women in need prevent, detect and treat breast cancer. In 2005 she was also named to the DCH Foundation Board. She also speaks to groups throughout the state of Alabama and she and David are always there to lend a hand with local causes.

She has served in Alabama’s athletic administration as Associate Athletics Director since 1985 and



was on the SEC Executive Committee, the NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Committee and the NCAA Recruiting Committee.

And while it may seem that Sarah’s favorite hobby is speaking to groups about Alabama gymnastics, she is a an enthusiastic scrapbooker, a legendary baker of cookies and a big country music fan, filling her iPod with Sara Evans, Carrie Underwood, Toby Keith, Kenny Chesney and others.

David, in his scant spare time, has become skilled in woodworking over the last several years, creating ever larger and more intricate projects, graduating to pieces of furniture that are proudly displayed in the Patterson house.

An accomplished fly fisherman, he’s caught a fish in all 50 states, checking the last one, Missouri, off his list in May of 2010. In the community, he has helped spearhead the “Ride of Love”, a one-day, 150-mile bicycle ride through Alabama to raise money for Camp Smile-A-Mile, which caters to children with cancer.

With lives as busy as they have ever been, Sarah and David Patterson find their days filled with family and work and the wide variety of details that intertwine everything together. It is an intricate act of balance to keep everything going at such a high level for such a long time, but it is a balancing act at which they excel and thrive.





## ALABAMA UNDER THE PATTERSONS

Year at Alabama: 34th Overall Regular Season Record: 404-91-4/33 years

- 5 NCAA Team Championships
- 1988, 1991, 1996, 2002, 2011
- 7 SEC Team Championships
- 1988, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2003, 2009, 2011
- 26 NCAA Regional Team Championships
- 1983-85, 1987-96, 1998-03, 2005-11
- 4 NCAA Today's Top VIII honorees
- 7 Honda Awards (National Gymnast of the Year)
- 22 individual NCAA Championships
- 12 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships
- 2 NCAA Elite 88 honorees
- 61 athletes have earned 261 All-American honors
- 67 athletes have earned 162 Scholastic All-American honors (since 1991)

- 5 SEC Athletes of the Year
- 3 SEC Scholar Athletes of the Year
- 56 individual SEC Championships
- 78 All-SEC honors
- 10 SEC Postgraduate Scholarships
- 229 SEC Academic Honor Roll accolades
- 6 SEC Gymnast of the Year honors
- 3 SEC Freshman of the Year honors
- 7 NCAA Region Gymnast of the Year honors
- 129 individual NCAA Regional Championships
- SEC single meet attendance record (15,162 vs. Florida 1/20/06)
- SEC single season attendance record (13,786 per meet, 2010)

### SARAH PATTERSON CAREER CAPSULE

**Education:** Slippery Rock State College (Penn.), 1978  
**Major:** Physical education

#### Honors:

- Sarah Patterson A-Club Endowed Scholarship (established in 2011)
- Alabama Sports Hall of Fame (inducted March 2003)
- National Coach of the Year
- 2002, 1991, 1988 & 1986
- SEC Coach of the Year
- 2010, 2000, 1995 & 1985
- 1997 U.S. World University Games coach (silver medal)
- 1983 U.S. World University Games coach
- Honorary member of the University of Alabama National Alumni Association
- Alabama State Gymnastics Association Coach of the Year 1978-79

#### Administration:

- ESPN/W Advisory Panel, 2010-present
- DCH Foundation Board, 2004-present

- Associate Athletic Director, 1985-present
- Senior Women's Administrator, 1985-96
- NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee, 1985-90
- NCAA Recruiting Committee, 1991-96
- SEC Executive Committee, 1988-91

### DAVID PATTERSON CAREER CAPSULE

**Education:** University of Alabama, 1982  
**Major:** Coaching and public relations

#### Club Coaching Achievements:

- Named assistant coach for the 1989 and 1991 World University Games
- Bama Bounder Age Group Club
  - 60 state champions
  - 10 regional champions
  - 2 national champions

#### Honors:

- 1992 & 1993 NCAA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year
- 1982-83 Alabama State Gymnastics Association Coach of the Year

### THE PATTERSON RECORD

Year	Record	SEC Finish	Regional Finish	NCAA Finish
2011	11-1-0	1st	1st	1st
2010	9-2-0	2nd	1st	3rd
2009	8-5-0	1st	1st	2nd
2008	10-4-0	2nd	1st	6th
2007	8-2-0	3rd	1st	9th
2006	14-1-0	2nd	1st	3rd
2005	11-3-0	3rd	1st	2nd
2004	12-1-0	2nd	2nd	3rd
2003	10-7-0	1st	1st	2nd
2002	12-3-0	2nd	1st	1st
2001	15-2-1	2nd	1st	4th
2000	14-3-0	1st	1st	5th
1999	8-3-0	2nd	1st	3rd
1998	10-3-0	4th	1st	3rd
1997	13-2-0	4th	2nd	9th
1996	12-1-0	2nd	1st	1st
1995	15-1-0	1st	1st	2nd
1994	7-3-1	2nd	1st	2nd
1993	9-2-0	2nd	1st	2nd
1992	9-4-0	2nd	1st	3rd
1991	16-0-0	2nd	1st	1st
1990	14-1-0	1st	1st	2nd
1989	13-3-0	2nd	1st	3rd
1988	14-3-2	1st	1st	1st
1987	12-5-0	3rd	1st	4th
1986	18-2-0	3rd	2nd	3rd
1985	16-4-0	2nd	1st	4th
1984	15-5-0	—	1st	6th
1983	15-1-0	—	1st	4th
1982	17-2-0	—	—	—
1981	14-1-0	—	—	—
1980	16-4-0	—	—	—
1979	7-7-0	—	—	—

# AN ALABAMA FAMILY AFFAIR



**The Family** - Jordan, Sarah and David Patterson and Brett and Jessie Jones with Louis and Ringo.

Throughout their careers, Sarah and David Patterson have spent a large amount of their time recruiting outstanding young ladies to the University of Alabama, showing them all the truly wonderful things about the campus, the town and the University as a whole. But the two 'recruits' they are most excited about are their daughters Jessie and Jordan.

"David and I could not be

prouder that Jessie and Jordan chose to come to Alabama and be a part of a place that we love so much," Sarah Patterson said. "It is truly a wonderful thing."

When Jordan signed her national letter of intent to play softball for the Crimson Tide in the fall of 2009, she officially joined the family business, becoming the latest Patterson to make the Capstone her home. Sarah and David came to Al-

abama in the 1970s and have spent their entire careers here. David, a diver for Alabama before starting his coaching career, received his UA degree in 1982.



Jordan Patterson is a sophomore catcher on the Alabama softball team.

Jessie also graduated from Alabama, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism in the spring of 2008 as well as a master's in journalism in 2010. In April of 2010, she joined her parents on the UA staff when she was named the assistant editor for Alabama Alumni Magazine.

As an undergraduate, Jessie approached Crimson Tide athletics from a different angle, spending much of her career on the journalistic side of sports, serving first as a reporter, then sports editor and finally managing editor of *The Crimson White*, Alabama's student paper. She also spent three years covering high school football along with Alabama football's spring and preseason football camps for *The Tuscaloosa News*.

In December of 2008, Jessie added another Alabama tie to the family when she married Brett Jones, who is also a UA graduate. Jessie and Brett's wedding provided an opportunity for the Patterson family to get together with its extended Alabama gymnastics family for a great celebration.

"It was so wonderful to have everyone there for Jessie and Brett's day," Sarah Patterson said. "We were very touched to have so many of our alumni in attendance to help us celebrate their wedding. It was very fitting since they have watched Jessie grow up over the years."

Last year, the first with all the Pattersons on campus in one capac-

ity or another, marked another very impressive first. After Sarah and David Patterson led the Alabama gymnastics team to its seventh Southeastern Conference title and fifth NCAA Championship, they were in the stands, along with Jessie and Brett, to watch Jordan, a freshman on Patrick Murphy's softball team, contend for an SEC title. In the last game of the regular season, Jordan and her teammates clinched the Tide's third SEC Softball Championship. With that title, the Pattersons became the first mother-father-daughter combination to win SEC titles in the history of Alabama athletics.

"It was such an amazing experience to win an SEC Championship and then come back and be able to watch Jordan and her teammates win one as well," Sarah Patterson said. "Sharing our success with Jessie and Jordan over the years has always been a highlight of our careers, and to be on hand when Jordan and her teammates earned their own piece of crimson glory was a tremendous thrill."

Having spent their entire professional lives at the University of Alabama, Sarah and David take great pride in sharing their love of the Capstone with their daughters.



Mother and daughter show off their SEC Championship rings.

"I can't think of anything better than having Jessie working across the street from David and me in Alumni Hall and Jordan playing for the Crimson Tide down the way at the softball stadium," Sarah Patterson said. "I really feel like we've come full circle, having this opportunity to share such a special place with our daughters."



Sarah, David, Jordan and Jessie at the airport after returning from the NCAA Championships.



# BRYAN RASCHILLA

## ASSISTANT COACH

To Bryan Raschilla, now in his 16th season with the Crimson Tide, there is no better place to be than the University of Alabama and no better job than coaching its gymnastics team.

"I absolutely love what I am doing," Raschilla said. "I get to meet and build relationships with some really wonderful people. The chance to work with this caliber of student-athlete, I don't think you get anywhere else. And what I like the most is that it's not just about gymnastics and it's not just about the four years they're here on campus. Being at Alabama is about creating lifelong relationships."

Most importantly to him, Raschilla has seen class after class of Alabama gymnasts come through the program, grow as athletes and people and graduate, ready to make something great of their lives.

"I'm at Alabama to be a part of a program that does things the right way," Raschilla said. "I have the good fortune to coach athletes who excel in academics, athletics and community service. To be able to have some part in their development is really at the heart of why I coach."

Since he joined the Tide for the 1997 season, Raschilla has helped coach Alabama to

NCAA Championships in 2011 and 2002 as well as a trio of NCAA runner-up finishes and 13 top-six national finishes overall. With Raschilla on board, the Tide also owns two of the last three Southeastern Conference titles and four overall, with league championships coming in 2011, 2009, 2003 and 2000.

Alabama gymnasts have won 11 individual NCAA titles during his tenure, including Geralen Stack-Eaton's 2011 NCAA Floor Exercise Championship. The Tide has earned 153 All-American honors and 136 Scholastic All-American honors during his tenure. On a conference level, in addition to the team titles, Alabama has won 40 individual SEC titles and been named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll 169 times since Raschilla arrived.

The Crimson Tide's tradition of excellence has garnered a staunch following, another aspect of the program that he loves.

"There is no better program in the country in terms of atmosphere," Raschilla said. "Coleman Coliseum is the best arena to compete in. We average over 13,000 people per home meet and we've sold out multiple times, bringing over 15,000 fans in to watch our ladies compete."

Raschilla's excitement about Alabama goes far beyond the gymnastics program, extending to the University as a whole.

"I love the energy this campus has and how it's growing all the time," Raschilla said. "Our president, Dr. Robert Witt, is doing a tremendous job in raising the bar in all ways, from enrollment to the facilities and everything in between. His dedication to excellence has Alabama reaching new heights in all areas, something that's being recognized on a national basis. There's just a ton of things going on, it's an exciting time."

For Raschilla the campus atmosphere makes Tuscaloosa a great place to raise his family. And while he and wife Laura are both Ohio natives, their son, Adam, born in 1998, and daughter, Kathryn, born in 2001, were both born in Alabama.

"Both our children were born here, we have family that moved here to be with us and to get warm," Raschilla said with a laugh. "Laura and I may be from Ohio originally, but we consider ourselves Alabamians now and we feel fortunate to be raising our family in Tuscaloosa. It's a strong community, one that's growing all the time."



The Raschillas - Kathryn, Bryan, Laura and Adam

And as his own family has grown, Raschilla has come to appreciate the family aspect of the Tide gymnastics program more and more.

"I am impressed and amazed by how our ladies stay connected to the program and to each other," Raschilla said. "They also remain big fans and supporters of the team, from those that graduated over 30 years ago to those that graduated last year. There is just a tremendous bond, one that lasts a lifetime, and it's truly a family, one that is there in the good times and the tough times."

His duties with the Crimson Tide are as wide ranging as his talents. In addition to in-the-gym coaching, the Mineral Ridge, Ohio native also helps develop the Tide's strength and

conditioning program and coordinate Alabama's recruiting efforts.

"Bryan not only brings his keen technical analysis to the team," Sarah Patterson said. "He also brings the sort of stability that is expected of this program. After all, he is now in his 16th year with us, which adds a comforting continuity for the athletes."

He also brings a talent for graphic design to bear on the Tide's posters, logos, advertising, media guide covers along with a host of other projects. So how did the 6-foot, 5-inch redhead with a degree in graphic design get involved in the one sport he'd never tried?

"I probably get asked that question a hundred times a year," Raschilla laughed.

## BRYAN RASCHILLA CAREER CAPSULE

**Family:** Wife - Laura

Son - Adam

Daughter - Kathryn

**Hometown:** Mineral Ridge, Ohio

**Education:** Youngstown State University (Ohio), 1989

**Major:** Graphic Design

**Record at Alabama/Years:** 159-43-1/ 14

### The Crimson Tide with Raschilla

- 2 NCAA Team Championships - 2002, 2011
- 4 SEC Team Champions - 2000, 2003, 2009, 2011
- 13 NCAA Regional Team Champions - 1998-2003, 2005-11
- 11 individual NCAA Championships
- 6 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships
- 5 SEC Postgraduate Scholarships
- 37 athletes with 153 All-American honors
- 136 Scholastic All-American honors
- 3 SEC Athletes of the Year
- 2 SEC Scholar Athletes of the Year
- 169 SEC Academic Honor Roll honors
- 40 individual SEC Championships
- 49 All-SEC honors
- 4 NCAA Today's Top VIII Honors
- 7 NCAA Region Gymnast of the Year Honors
- 6 SEC Gymnast of the Year Honors
- SEC Freshman of the Year
- SEC single meet attendance record (15,162 vs. Florida 1/20/06)
- SEC single season attendance record (13,786 per meet, 2010)

Asked to spot for his high school team, Raschilla's interest continued to develop throughout his time at Youngstown State University in Ohio when he coached age-group gymnastics. After eleven years of club gymnastics and countless state champions, national qualifiers and national team members, he moved into the collegiate arena. "I started in 1983," Raschilla said. "And I've been coaching ever since."

Following a two-year stretch coaching at the University of Michigan, Raschilla came to Alabama and in his years in Tuscaloosa with the Crimson Tide, Raschilla has accumulated masses of great memories, but for him, it's not just the championships, the honors and the victories that stick with him.

"As a coach, I think some of my greatest memories come from those moments that no one else sees," Raschilla said. "It's those moments in the gym when someone is having a hard time, but they push through anyway. It's breakthroughs in practice, and all the hard work along the way that sets up the championship moments. Those are some of my best memories."







# DANA DUCKWORTH ASSISTANT COACH

Alabama had her at hello.

When Dana Dobransky Duckworth came on her recruiting trip to the University of Alabama in 1989, she had no idea she was about to fall in love with a place, a team and a university, but that's just what happened.

"I took recruiting trips to the top five schools, schools that are still in the top five today, and I felt something here, I felt a connection with the coaches and with the team, a chemistry that I knew, even then, that I would not find at a different school. I went on four other trips and they just solidified what I felt here at Alabama. I love our environment, I love our culture, I love our tradition and I love the fact that when you go out as an Alabama gymnast you represent all those things."

And it was those same elements that made her decision to leave a lucrative career with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and join the Alabama coaching staff on a full-time basis in the fall of 2008 after nine years as a volunteer coach with the Crimson Tide such an easy one.

"I really enjoyed what I was doing at Pfizer, and it's a tremendous company, but my heart and my passion have always been here at the Capstone with our program," Duckworth said.

"I felt like this was an opportunity for me to do what I love and everyone I have ever talked to has said, if you love what you do, you'll never go to another day of work in your life."

It was an equally easy decision for Sarah and David Patterson.

"There was no search; there was no thought of someone else," Sarah Patterson said. "We are very excited to have Dana's enthusiasm, passion and love for our program in the gym on a full-time basis. We feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to work side-by-side with someone we believe represents the epitome of everything we have strived to achieve in our program and to have her help shape and mold the next generation of Alabama gymnasts."

Duckworth has now seen a national team championship from both sides, having been a part of the Tide's 1991 NCAA title as a sophomore and the 2011 and 2002 NCAA Championships as a coach. She has also won conference titles as an athlete (1990) and a coach (2011, 2009 and 2003).

As much as she appreciates the championship tradition she has been a part of for so long, it's the overall atmosphere created by the people who live, work and go to school at

Alabama that she truly appreciates.

"The people at the University of Alabama make everything unique and special," Duckworth said. "I love the fact that the University of Alabama is about tradition and culture. I tell people all the time that I feel like Tuscaloosa is the best kept secret because we have it all here and everyone approaches things with a great deal of passion. It makes people's experience very special."

In addition to her infectious enthusiasm for the Crimson Tide and her skills as a technical coach, Duckworth also brings her standing as one of the nation's premier choreographers. Nothing could drive that point home quite like the success the athletes she has worked with have enjoyed.

When Geralen Stack-Eaton won the 2011 NCAA Floor Exercise Championship to cap off an extraordinary junior season, it marked the fifth time that a Duckworth-choreographed routine won the NCAA floor title, including one each by Alabama's Morgan Dennis and Ashley Miles plus a pair by North Carolina's Courtney Bumpers. During her storied Tide career, Miles earned four top-three national finishes on the floor, including the 2004 NCAA



The Duckworths - Camryn, Dana, Joe and Jace

Floor Exercise Championship. Duckworth also helped Miles win four consecutive Southeastern Conference and NCAA Regional floor exercise titles. She is the first gymnast in SEC history to win the same event all four years of her career.

"It's such a wonderful experience to be able to help these athletes bring out their personality and perform routines that shine," Duckworth

said. "They work very hard and have certainly been very successful. It's a lot of fun to watch them compete."

For the Pattersons, Duckworth brings more than just coaching and choreography skills to the gym.

"Dana is a great role model for our ladies," Sarah Patterson said. "She enjoyed tremendous success in all aspects of her Alabama career, in the gym and in the classroom. Her experience is an invaluable resource to our ladies."

Duckworth earned eight All-American accolades and finished her career in 1993 by winning her second consecutive NCAA Balance Beam title with a perfect 10.0. She was named NCAA Woman of the Year for the State of Alabama in 1993.

As a student, she was a three-year Scholastic All-American and a two-time CoSIDA At-Large Academic All-American, an award that spans several sports. She was inducted into Mortar Board as an undergraduate and earned both an NCAA and Southeastern Conference Postgraduate Scholarship, using them to attend graduate school at Alabama and obtain her Master's of Business Administration in 1998.

"I could have gone anywhere in the country to get my MBA," Duckworth said. "But I chose to come back to Alabama

## DANA DUCKWORTH CAREER CAPSULE

**Family:** Husband - Joe

Daughter - Camryn

Son - Jace

**Hometown:** Sterling Heights, Mich.

**Education:** University of Alabama

Telecommunications & Film, '93

Master's of Business Administration, '98

### The Tide with Duckworth

#### As a Coach

**Record at Alabama/Years:** 123-35-0/12

- 2 NCAA Team Champion - 2002, 2011
- 3 SEC Team Champions - 2003, 2009, 2011
- 11 NCAA Regional Team Championships - 1998-99, 2002-03, 2005-11
- 10 individual NCAA Championships
- 130 All-American honors
- 113 Scholastic All-American honors
- 137 SEC Academic Honor Roll honors
- 34 individual SEC Championships
- 43 All-SEC honors

#### As an Athlete

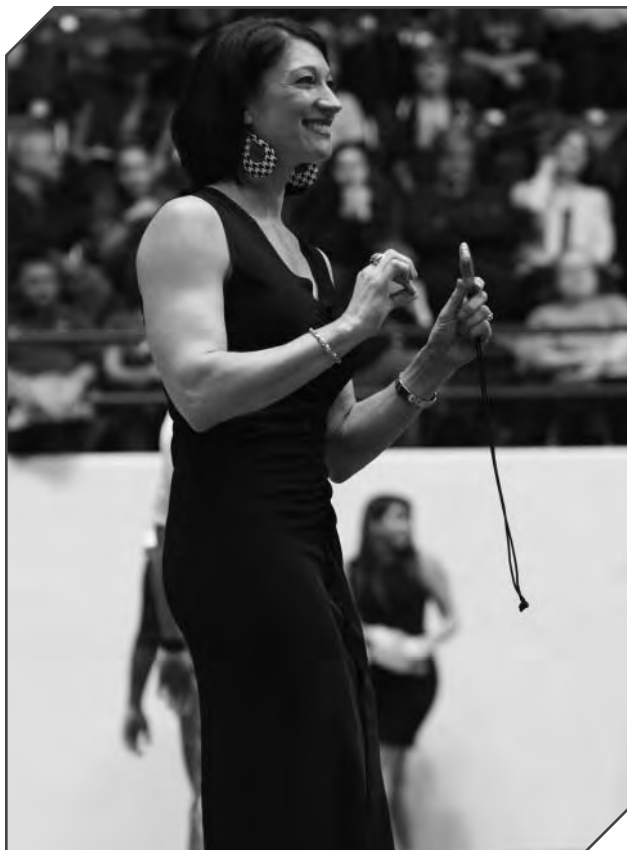
**Record at Alabama/Years:** 48-7-0/4

- 1 NCAA Team Championship - 1991
- 1 SEC Team Championship - 1990
- 4 NCAA Regional Team Championships - 1990-93
- 2 NCAA Balance Beam Championships - 1992, 1993
- 8 All-American honors
- NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship
- SEC Postgraduate Scholarship
- NCAA Woman of the Year - State Honoree
- Second-team GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American
- SEC Academic Honor Roll
- SEC Champion and All-SEC honoree
- Regional Champion

because Alabama's business school is one of the best in the country and I loved the size of the campus, I love the MBA program and more than all that, it was a chance to come back to a place I considered home."

After graduating with her Bachelor's degree, she moved up the corporate ladder quickly at AMX Corporation, a high tech firm out of Dallas. She finished her tenure there as manager of the company's training programs. After receiving her Master's degree, she served as Director of Marketing of a Trussville based automotive company followed by a stint as Vice President of Corporate Solutions for a Birmingham company before returning to Tuscaloosa for a highly successful run with Pfizer.

Duckworth's return to Tuscaloosa also saw her start a family. She and her husband Joe, a Tuscaloosa native, married in 2000. The couple have a daughter, Camryn, was born in 2004 and a son, Jace, born in 2006.





# ALABAMA GYMNASTICS HEALTH AND WELLNESS STAFF

Just as she works hard to put a great team on the floor every season, Sarah Patterson works just as hard to make sure she has the perfect staff to help maintain the health and wellness of her student-athletes. To that end, in conjunction with the Crimson Tide's team physicians, the trio of Monica Decker, Amy Bragg and Travis Illian, along with their respective staffs, work tirelessly to keep the Crimson Tide in top physical condition.

## MONICA DECKER ATHLETIC TRAINER



There is nothing more important to Sarah Patterson than the health and welfare of her gymnasts which is why athletic trainer Monica Decker, in her 12th year as a member of the gymnastics program, is such an important part of Patterson's staff.

"Monica is by far one of the finest athletic trainers that I have worked with," Patterson said. "Her rapport with the staff and the athletes is exceptional and her knowledge of rehabilitation is outstanding. She has a gift for working with elite-level athletes. I think anyone can know the nuts and bolts of training, but I think it takes someone who is gifted to

work with elite-level athletes."

A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Decker earned her Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science from Arizona State in 2000. She earned a Master's in Sports Medicine Health Care from Alabama in 2002 and is pursuing a second Master's in Food and Nutrition.

In addition to serving as a certified athletic trainer on the Tide staff, Decker is also a clinical instructor in Alabama's athletic training undergraduate program.

Much of her day-to-day work, especially in the preseason, is spent on preventative measures, helping stop problems before they get started. During the season, most of Decker's time is spent helping the athletes maintain their health and fitness levels.

"Positive reinforcement is a big part of the job," Decker said. "To be there everyday, encouraging them, letting them know that they are making progress and keeping them positive."

In the case of injuries, she is there through their rehab to help them return to peak health as quickly and safely as possible. Decker worked extensively with 2002 senior Andreé Pickens, helping her come back from a torn Achilles tendon. She was part of a team that included orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews, who helped Pickens not only come back in record time, but lead Alabama to its fourth NCAA Championship in 2002. For her efforts that season, Decker was awarded the David Dutton Memorial Award, given to individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty for the Alabama gymnastics program.

In addition to her other duties, Decker also tries to teach her charges the importance of carrying on healthy habits into the life beyond their career.

"I hope that I can teach them all enough about taking care of themselves, that when they go out into the world, they enjoy healthy and successful lives," Decker said. "And being part of the Alabama gymnastics 'family' I look forward to watching them grow and mature over the years."

Decker has a daughter, Ayana, and a son, Christian.

## TRAVIS ILLIAN STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH



To maintain its status as one of the nation's elite teams, Alabama gymnasts must stay in top form. Enter Travis Illian, the Crimson Tide's strength and conditioning coach.

"Travis has done a wonderful job with our program," Sarah Patterson said. "His knowledge and enthusiasm are tremendous."

Leaner, faster and stronger. That is the aim of the Tide's strength and conditioning program.

"The strength and conditioning program is built around each athlete," Illian said. "Our goal is to help each athlete maximize their potential while minimizing their chance for injury. To meet this

goal, I work hand-in-hand with the coaches, athletic trainer and sports nutritionist to provide the best strategies for each girl. We work to balance the need for strength, power, flexibility, work capacity, and proper nutrition."

For his efforts during the 2009 season, Illian was presented with the David Dutton Memorial Award, given to individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty for the Alabama gymnastics program.

In his fifth year with the gymnastics program, Illian works closely with the coaches to modify the Tide program to make sure it best meets the needs of each individual gymnast.

Illian works tirelessly to improve and enhance the gymnasts flexibility as well as their physical and aerobic strength. Each gymnast is given a specific, individual workout that fits their needs.

Illian's job isn't finished when the final Alabama gymnast competes at the NCAA Championships. Instead, he is busy preparing the squad's summer conditioning. The gymnasts get four to six weeks off depending on individual needs. Then it is back to maintaining the strength they worked so hard to develop over the past year.

Illian earned his doctorate in human performance in 2011. He also earned a Master's in human performance from Alabama in 2003 after graduating from Texas Lutheran University in 2002 with a Bachelor's in kinesiology.

Illian is married to the former Karen Rademeyer and the couple has two daughters, Isabel and Abigail.



Alabama's Director of Performance Nutrition Amy Bragg chats with sophomore All-American Kim Jacob.

## DIRECTOR OF PERFORMANCE NUTRITION: AMY BRAGG

If there is any doubt the impact that Alabama's director of performance nutrition, Amy Bragg, had on the gymnastics program last year, her first with the Crimson Tide, head coach Sarah Patterson is quick to dispel them.

"Next to Coach Nick Saban, Amy Bragg has been the single most influential hire for our athletes in recent memory," Patterson said.

Considering that Saban brought Alabama its 13th national football championship in 2009 and its first since 1992, Patterson's praise of the Pittsburg, Texas, native carries a lot of weight.

For Bragg, the opportunity to work with championship-caliber programs like gymnastics and football was one of the things that drew her to Alabama.

"Working with Sarah and the gymnastics team has been great," Bragg said. "She is absolutely one of the reasons that I'm here."

Bragg provides nutrition coaching for Alabama's student-athletes as well as managing training table, pregame and travel meals and working closely with the coaching, strength and conditioning and sports medicine staffs to maximize the student-athletes' health and performance.

"With gymnastics we want to integrate with sports medicine and strength and conditioning and take an educator's role and a coaching role with the girls," Bragg said. "We work with them on their overall nutrition and then work with the team more in an operations capacity, helping plan meals on the road and nutrition in the locker room and for recovery on a team-wide basis."

Bragg's duties are broad-based, but her focus is specific to each program and with gymnasts, her

planning and insight has been very effective.

"For gymnasts we want precise, confident fueling," Bragg said. "We want the appropriate amount of protein. We want good weight management through the season. We want our athletes to walk out and feel confident. We want maintenance of that muscle and body that we create in the offseason, so that power is maintained through the season."

A registered and licensed dietitian who is also a board certified specialist in sports dietetics, Bragg came to Tuscaloosa after six years as director of performance nutrition for Texas A&M University Athletics.

"I hadn't worked with a gymnastics team before I came here so I really tried to spend time and learn about their season, cycle of training, what they go through and what their expectations are and really how to match with precision what they need nutritionally," Bragg said. "It's great to work with athletes who are so driven. They're also inspirational in what they give, the demand gymnastics puts on their bodies, their strength is amazing and then what they bring as far as trying to be the best they can academically as students, as members of the community. They're very inspirational."

That admiration is a two-way street. Her addition to the Tide's health and wellness team has made an already great program even better.

"She's so knowledgeable and helps educate our ladies in areas of how you can be a great student-athlete," Patterson said. "I think Amy in conjunction with Travis (Illian), our strength coach, and Monica (Decker), our athletic trainer, along with the knowledge our coaches bring to the table, gives

us a huge advantage in keeping our student-athletes healthy and strong. Amy has definitely taken it to a different level. It allows us as coaches to focus on other aspects that will help us be great."

A recognized leader in collegiate sports nutrition, Bragg has presented at numerous professional conferences and has written for or been quoted by magazines like Sports Illustrated, Training and Conditioning and The NCAA News. In 2007, she was voted the Outstanding Sports Dietitian in the Big 12 Conference by her peers.

As accomplished a speaker as she is, Bragg uses a more hands-on approach in working with her athletes.

"I don't think we'd be very successful if we were just lecturing student-athletes every day," Bragg said. "We really try to customize the nutritional message to each person, because gymnastics and many other sports are all about precision. We want to get the appropriate amount of carbohydrates. We want protein that helps athletes make muscle and be strong and powerful. We want to manage weight through different periods of training when the expenditure is higher and then when we move into the competitive season."

Bragg earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration from the University of Texas in 1995 and a Bachelor's of Science in human nutrition and foods from the University of Houston in 2000.

Bragg and her husband Bobby have a daughter, Rebecca, and a son, Beau.





# ALABAMA GYMNASTICS SUPPORT STAFF

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

For every minute that Alabama gymnastics shines in the white-hot spotlight of national success, there are thousands of behind the scene details that make it possible. For the Crimson Tide, there are two women charged with handling those details and keeping everything running smoothly. Rita Martin, the gymnastics operations director, and Robin Kelley, the Tide's administrative assistant, work hard every day to keep the Alabama gymnastics world shining bright and running like a well-oiled machine.



**Rita Martin**

Director of Gymnastics Operations

As director of operations, Rita Martin is responsible for a wide variety of tasks, from daily paperwork to being the meet director for home events to coordinating the pre-meet light show that accompanies the gymnasts' entrance to Coleman Coliseum, and everything in between.

The New Jersey native has been a part of the athletics department for more than 25 years and the University for more than 30. When Sarah Patterson added Associate Athletics Director to her list of duties in 1985, Martin became her assistant.

"Rita is so great at keeping everything together," Patterson said. "She allows us to be our best because she handles all the fine points so well."

Martin and her husband Buddy have a daughter, Kelly, who is a University of Alabama undergraduate, and two sons, Paul and Brett, both of whom are UA graduates.



**Robin Kelley**

Administrative Assistant

Robin Kelley is in her 10th year as an administrative assistant with the gymnastics program, though she has been a part of the athletics department for the past 12 years.

The Northport, Ala., native performs a wide variety of duties, including keeping up with the program's correspondence and recruiting efforts. She also travels with the Tide, taking care of the details on the road.

"Robin does so many things for us," Sarah Patterson said. "She is invaluable on the road, taking care of all the arrangements, from where we stay to where we eat and how we get from here to there."

Kelley and her husband Jay have two sons, Tanner and Jesse.

## MANAGERS



From the left - Russ Guin, Lauren Adair, Caleb Hooks and Stephen Buckner.

With jobs that vary from moment-to-moment, the Alabama gymnastics team's crew of managers are vital to the Crimson Tide's success.

Lauren Adair, Caleb Hooks and Russ Guin are in their fourth year with the Crimson Tide while

Stephen Buckner is in his second.

All four have specific duties that keep them busy - making sure each gymnast has the right apparel, videotaping routines and individual skills, playing floor exercise music, or moving the mats and spring boards into position during

practice and at meets. The main job description is helping the team run smoothly.

Adair, who is charged with a variety of in the gym duties during practice and meets, also keeps up with the gymnasts' apparel and equipment. A senior, she is

majoring in health science with a pre-occupational therapy focus. The daughter of Robert and Debbie Adair, she is from Semmes, Ala., and graduated from Mary G. Montgomery High School.

Guin, Hooks and Buckner are charged with setting up equipment for practice each day and helping put things in the right place during practice and meets.

A senior, Guin is from Brownville, Ala., where he graduated from Northside High School. The son of Terry and Teresa Guin, he is majoring in general health studies while preparing for medical school.

Hooks is from Tuscaloosa and graduated from American Christian Academy. A senior at the Capstone, he is a history major. He is the son of Stephen and Cyndy Hooks.

A native of Scottsdale, Ariz., Buckner joined the manager staff in the fall of 2010 while pursuing a doctorate degree in exercise physiology after already obtaining his bachelor's and master's degree in exercise physiology from Alabama. Buckner, who graduated from Scottsdale Christian Academy, is married to Alicia Crossen Buckner.



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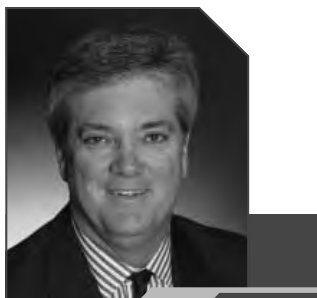
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# ALABAMA'S MEDICAL STAFF



Alabama's team physicians, from the left - Dr. Craig Buettner, Dr. Jimmy Robinson, Dr. Les Fowler and Dr. Jeff Laubenthal.

## ALABAMA'S TEAM PHYSICIANS

When Dr. Jimmy Robinson talks about his work with the Alabama Crimson Tide, you can hear the excitement in his voice.

"When I was doing my residency, I got bit by the sports medicine bug," Robinson said. "The more I worked with the teams, the more I wanted to do this kind of medicine."

One of Robinson's rotations during his Family Practice Residency in Tuscaloosa was with Alabama team physician Dr. Bill DeShazo. Not only did Robinson work the required hours of his rotation, but he found himself hanging around and helping out even when he wasn't on duty.

As a matter of fact, Robinson traveled with the gymnastics team to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1988 and was on hand for the Tide's first ever NCAA Championship.

"It was a blast," Robinson said. "I was still in training and just getting interested in sports medicine. So to be out there with the gymnasts when they won the first championship Alabama's ever had outside of football, it was definitely an exciting moment."

After doing a fellowship in sports medicine at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, Robinson received a call from Sang Lyda, the trainer in charge of the Tide's Olympic Sports. Dr. DeShazo was retiring and Lyda wanted to know if Robinson would be interested in taking over as the team physician for the Olympic Sports. It was an opportunity Robinson jumped at.

"I came back and opened a practice in August of 1989 and have been with the University ever since," Robinson said.

As Robinson's practice began to grow, he began to look for someone to join him. With high standards, his search took quite a while. He had been practicing seven years when he asked Craig Buettner to join him and another five after that when Jeff Laubenthal was asked to join the practice.

"Both Craig and Jeff were handpicked. Both have the right kind of personalities and are smart as can be to boot," Robinson said. "When I identified them through the residency program, and they caught the sports medicine bug, we tried to set them on the path that would bring them back here. Both men are big Alabama fans, so working with the athletics department was a big incentive."

Laubenthal in particular is very familiar with the Alabama athletics department. Not only is he a former stand-out baseball player for the Tide, but he is married to former All-American gymnast Katherine Kelleher.

Now the three men serve as the primary physicians for the Crimson Tide. Robinson and his colleagues are involved in all levels of an athlete's healthcare, from the first physical of the year before an athlete can even start practice, to an exit physical at the end of an athlete's career and everything in between. The hours involved are long to say the least, but for Robinson and his cohorts, the effort is worth it.

"I'm a fan and the opportunity to work with the department is better than a paycheck," Robinson said.

"To me, the biggest thrill is when I get to work with an athlete and maybe something I do helps them be as good an athlete as they can be. There's nothing like feeling that in some small way, I made a positive difference in an individual or team's performance."

Robinson's expertise in sports medicine has reached international acclaim. For the 2000 Olympics in Sydney he was one of eight team physicians for the U.S. Olympic squad. He served in the same capacity at the 1998 Goodwill Games and 1999 Pan Am Games.

In addition to the near daily attention of Drs. Robinson, Buettner and Laubenthal, Alabama has several specialists on call including former Alabama quarterback Dr. Les Fowler who serves as the department's orthopedist.

Alabama athletes can also count on Dr. James Andrews who serves on the Tide's medical staff as a consultant. Andrews is one of the world's foremost orthopedic surgeons, internationally known and recognized for his scientific and clinical research contributions in knee, shoulder and elbow injuries and his skill as an orthopedic surgeon. Many of the world's outstanding athletes seek his expertise in sports injuries. His work with André Pickens' ruptured Achilles' tendon allowed her to not only compete her senior year but compete at a higher level than before the injury. She led Alabama to the 2002 NCAA Championship and captured the NCAA Uneven Bars crown.

In the fall of 2006, Andrews and Dr. Lyle Cain, another Alabama team physician, removed



bone chips from both of Terin Humphrey's elbows, allowing her greater range of motion than she has had in many years. Their expertise had her back in the lineup for the start of the season, and winning her second NCAA Uneven Bars championship by April.

## ALABAMA'S TRAINING STAFF

Keeping Crimson Tide gymnasts fine-tuned is the No. 1 job of the University of Alabama trainers. Their "body shop" is the state-of-the-art training room located in Coleman Coliseum, and their tools consist of hot and cold whirlpools, electrical stimulation and ultrasound machines, tape and pre-wrap and QDA spray, and a brain full of knowledge needed to make sure each gymnast performs to her full potential. The Tide gymnasts also have a full training room within its team suite. Alabama also has an extensive training facility in the Mal Moore Athletic Facility.

Jeff Allen serves as the Crimson Tide's Director of Sports Medicine as well as being the Head Football Trainer. Rodney Brown is the Director of Rehabilitation Services.

Amy Bragg, Alabama's Director of Performance Nutrition, in her second year with the Crimson Tide, works with all UA teams.

The Coleman Coliseum training room is staffed by seven full-time athletic trainers, including Sherry Kimbro (soccer and rowing), John Morr (men's basketball and men's and women's golf), Joe Hoffer (baseball and men's and women's tennis), Bernard Burroughs, (men's and women's track and field), Monica Decker (gymnastics and



Dr. James Andrews (center), one of the world's foremost experts in orthopedic medicine, and Dr. Lyle Cain, one of the nation's top orthopedic surgeon's, consult with Jacqueline Shealy after her ACL surgery in 2007.

men's and women's swimming and diving), Nick Seiler (softball) and Jeremy Dobbs (women's basketball and volleyball).

Assisting Allen with football are athletic trainers Ginger Gilmore and Jeremy Gsell as well as two graduate assistants, Brandon Armstrong and Ryan Vicknair.

The Coliseum staff also consists of seven graduate assistant athletic trainers: Aaron Doss (swimming and diving), Luke Kasper (men's and women's tennis), Carley Casado (women's track

and field), Justin Skidmore (rowing), Brooke Havens (rowing), Danielle Davis (volleyball) and Lisa Basarab (spirit teams).

Athletic trainers can spend an average of 10 to 12 hours a day on the job depending on what point of the season the team is in.

Alabama ensures the safety of its athletes by assigning at least one athletic trainer to each team to cover home and away events, conditioning, practice and travel.





# THE 2012 ALABAMA GYMNASTICS SEASON OUTLOOK

The Crimson Tide goes into the 2012 season with an experienced group of veterans, returning 20 of 24 routines from last year's NCAA, NCAA Regional and Southeastern Conference Championship team, while adding five talented freshmen into the mix.

And while nearly the whole championship lineup returns, this will be a different team beyond just the addition of the newcomers.

"Regardless of how many you return or how many freshmen you have, it doesn't really matter because each year the team, in its make-up and chemistry, is totally different," Sarah Patterson said. "I think our challenge, this year and really every year, is to find a way to take the ladies you have and turn them into a cohesive, competitive unit, and I think cohesiveness is the biggest part of the equation."

## THE VETERANS

Senior Geralen Stack-Eaton has burned through the last two seasons, earning eight All-American honors and the 2011 NCAA Floor Exercise Championship along the way. Stack-Eaton also won the SEC balance beam and floor exercise championships last season and turned in the highest balance beam score in the nation during the 2011 regional championship weekend. The Horsham, Pa., native also finished third in the nation in the all-around at last year's NCAA Championships.

After missing last season due to surgery on both ankles, five-time All-American Ashley Priess is back for her senior season and ready to go out with a bang. As a freshman and sophomore, she stood among the nation's best, especially on the uneven bars and balance beam. At the 2010 NCAA Championships, she posted the highest beam score of the entire three-day competition. The Tide's third senior, All-American Rachel Terry, is also back after seeing action on the uneven bars and floor exercise last season.

Juniors Marissa Gutierrez and Ashley Sledge both earned All-American honors last season, turning in high marks on the vault at the national championships. Gutierrez was a regular on the vault, balance beam and floor exercise last season, scoring season-best marks better than 9.9 on both the vault and floor, while leading off the Tide's beam set for a majority of the season. Sledge competed on all four events during her second season, posting career-best marks of 9.9 or better on the vault, uneven bars and floor along the way. The Tide's third junior, Becca Alexin, was a constant in the uneven bars lineup, scoring a career-high 9.875 to take second at the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional last year.

This year's sophomores made up the largest portion of Alabama's roster in 2011, and they came through time and time again for the Tide, even turning it up a notch at the national championships. Kim Jacob, who had gone in the all-around just twice during the regular season, competed all four events on both nights of the national championships, earning first-team All-American honors in both the all-around and the balance beam. Sarah DeMeo and Diandra Milliner, who both went in the all-around during the season, also earned All-American honors during their rookie campaigns, with DeMeo earning the accolade on the uneven bars and Milliner on the balance beam. Olivia Carisella, Ria Domier, Lindsey Fowler and Hannah Toussaint are also back for their second season and will look to add depth to the Tide's powerhouse lineup.

## THE ROOKIES

In addition to the 13 returnees, Alabama added five rookies to its 2012 roster with Kaitlyn Clark, Hunter Dennis, Lora Leigh Frost, Brooke Parker and Kayla Williams all looking to add their names to lineup. While Clark, Frost, Parker and Williams joined the Tide in August, Dennis, the sister of former UA NCAA floor exercise champion Morgan Dennis, joined the Tide in January after graduating from high school early.

## THE SCHEDULE

The Crimson Tide's slate includes 10 regular-season meets, including a five-meet home schedule that starts with SEC rival Georgia on Friday, Jan. 13. Alabama also hosts Florida and Arkansas along with non-conference opponents Missouri and North Carolina. Georgia, Florida and Arkansas all advanced to the NCAA Championships semifinals last season, while Missouri advanced to the championships' semifinals in 2010.

"As the defending SEC and NCAA Champions, I know that every team on our schedule will have that meet circled on their calendar," Patterson said. "At the same time, with the rivalries we've developed over the years we are used to having to be at our best to win. That's especially true within the SEC, where you can't have an off night and expect to win."

The Tide's tough home schedule includes a Florida squad that was the only team to beat Alabama last season. After falling to the Gators in Gainesville, Fla., at midseason the Tide went on to win the rest of its regular-season schedule as well as the SEC, NCAA Regional and NCAA Championships.

Alabama's road schedule is equally challenging, featuring LSU, Oklahoma, Auburn, Kentucky and a tri-meet with Penn State and Michigan State.

While the regular season sees Alabama traveling far and wide, with stops in University Park, Pa., Auburn, Ala., Lexington, Ky., Baton Rouge, La., and Norman, Okla., the postseason keeps the Tide a little closer to home for two of the three championship legs. Alabama will seek to defend both its SEC and NCAA titles in Duluth, Ga. As for the NCAA Regional Championships, the Tide could be sent to any one of six regional sites.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

No matter who is on the roster, who is on the schedule, or what the season brings, Alabama is focused on the process of being the best, which is what allows the program's lofty goals to remain realistic year in and year out.

"No matter where we finish the year before – whether we were first or second, third or fourth – our goal never changes," Patterson said. "Every year, we strive to be our very best in all aspects of the collegiate experience, in the gym, in the classroom and in the world outside of both. Our goal, every year, is to be on the floor the last night of the season, with a chance to win a national championship."

That consistency of purpose is one of the factors that has kept Alabama at the very forefront of collegiate gymnastics for the last three decades.

## THE DETAILS

- Alabama is the defending NCAA, SEC and NCAA Regional Champions
- There are 18 gymnasts on this year's roster - 3 seniors, 3 juniors, 7 sophomores and 5 freshmen - making it the largest squad in school history
- Seven Alabama gymnasts earned All-American honors last season and six are back this season: Senior Geralen Stack-Eaton, junior Marissa Gutierrez, junior Ashley Sledge, sophomore Kim Jacob, sophomore Sarah DeMeo and sophomore Diandra Milliner
- Alabama also returns senior Ashley Priess a five-time All-American, who missed last season after surgery on both ankles prior to the season
- Alabama returns 20 of its 24 routines from last year's NCAA Championship team
- There are two NCAA Regional Champions on this year's team - Priess and Stack-Eaton
- Priess and Stack-Eaton have combined to win four individual SEC titles over the last two years
- Sarah and David Patterson are in their 34th season coaching the Crimson Tide
- Assistant coach Bryan Raschilla is in his 16th season coaching at Alabama
- Assistant coach Dana Dobransky Duckworth, is in her 17th season with the Tide, including four years as a gymnast, nine as a volunteer assistant coach and four as a full-time assistant coach
- The Crimson Tide is coming off its 29th consecutive NCAA Championship appearance, making it one of only two schools in the nation with an active streak of more than 12 national championship appearances in a row
- Alabama is one of just four teams to win an NCAA Championship, taking home the crown in 2011, 2002, 1996, 1991 and 1988
- Alabama has also won seven SEC titles, including two of the last three, and an NCAA-best 26 regional championships

# 2012 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA GYMNASTICS ROSTER

Name	Year	Exp.	Ht.	Hometown	Club Team
Becca Alexin	Jr.	2L	5-5	Cordova, Tenn.	GymStars Gymnastics
Olivia Carisella	Soph.	1L	5-2	New Orleans, La.	Elite Gymnastics
Kaitlyn Clark	Fr.	HS	5-1	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.	Precision Gymnastics
Sarah DeMeo	Soph.	1L	4-11	Overland Park, Kan.	Eagle Gymnastics
Hunter Dennis	Fr.	HS	5-4	Westampton, N.J.	Will-Moor School of Gymnastics
Ria Domier	Soph.	1L	5-1	Davis, Calif.	Davis Diamonds Gymnastics
Lindsey Fowler	Soph.	1L	5-4	Birmingham, Ala.	JamJev Gymnastics
Lora Leigh Frost	Fr.	HS	5-2	Decatur, Ala.	Calvin Twisters
Marissa Gutierrez	Jr.	2L	5-2	Houston, Texas	WGA Texans
Kim Jacob	Soph.	1L	5-2	Raleigh, N.C.	Superior Gymnastics
Diandra Milliner	Soph.	1L	5-3	Wichita, Kan.	Folger's Gymnastics
Brooke Parker	Fr.	HS	5-0	Lorton, Va.	Capital Gymnastics
Ashley Priess	Sr.	3L	5-3	Wheaton, Ill.	Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy
Ashley Sledge	Jr.	2L	5-3	Fairview Heights, Ill.	World Class Gymnastics
Geralen Stack-Eaton	Sr.	3L	5-4	Horsham, Pa.	Parkettes
Rachel Terry	Sr.	3L	4-10	Hoover, Ala.	JFJ Elite Gymnastics
Hannah Toussaint	Soph.	1L	5-2	Warren, Ohio	Olympic Dreams Gymnastics
Kayla Williams	Fr.	HS	5-2	Huntington, W.Va.	Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy

## HEAD COACH

Sarah Patterson  
34th Year

## VOLUNTEER COACH

David Patterson  
34th Year

## ASSISTANT COACH

Bryan Raschilla  
16th Year

## ASSISTANT COACH

Dana Duckworth  
13th Year

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Olivia **Carisella** \_\_\_\_\_ Cara-selluh  
 Sarah **DeMeo** \_\_\_\_\_ Duh-may-oh  
 Ria **Domier** \_\_\_\_\_ Doh-meyer  
 Diandra **Milliner** \_\_\_\_\_ Dee-ann-dra  
 Ashley **Priess** \_\_\_\_\_ Preess

Bryan **Raschilla** \_\_\_\_\_ Rah-shill-uh  
 Geralen **Stack-Eaton** \_\_\_\_\_ Jer-ah-lyn  
 Hannah **Toussaint** \_\_\_\_\_ Too-saunt

## GYMNASTICS SUPPORT STAFF

Director of Gymnastics Operations: \_\_\_\_\_ Rita Martin  
 Administrative Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_ Robin Kelley  
 Assistant Athletic Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_ Monica Decker  
 Managers: \_\_\_\_\_ Lauren Adair, Stephen Buckner, Russ Guin, Caleb Hooks  
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 Marketing and Promotions Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Kimberlee Johnson

## STATE-BY-STATE

**Alabama**  
 Lindsey Fowler  
 Lora Leigh Frost  
 Rachel Terry

**Kansas**  
 Sarah DeMeo  
 Diandra Milliner

**Louisiana**  
 Olivia Carisella

**New Jersey**  
 Hunter Dennis

**North Carolina**  
 Kim Jacob

**Ohio**  
 Hannah Toussaint

**Pennsylvania**  
 Geralen Stack-Eaton

**Tennessee**  
 Becca Alexin

**Texas**  
 Marissa Gutierrez

**Virginia**  
 Brooke Parker

**West Virginia**  
 Kayla Williams

## CLASS BREAKDOWN

**Seniors (3)**  
 Ashley Priess  
 Geralen Stack-Eaton  
 Rachel Terry

**Juniors (3)**  
 Becca Alexin  
 Marissa Gutierrez  
 Ashley Sledge

**Sophomores (7)**  
 Olivia Carisella  
 Sarah DeMeo

**Freshmen (5)**  
 Kaitlyn Clark  
 Hunter Dennis  
 Lora Leigh Frost  
 Brooke Parker  
 Kayla Williams

## RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS (8)

Sarah DeMeo (1): 2011 — Bars  
 Marissa Gutierrez (1): 2011 — Vault  
 Kim Jacob (2): 2011 — All-Around, Beam  
 Diandra Milliner (1): 2011 — Bars\*  
 Ashley Priess (5): 2010 — Beam  
 2009 — Bars, Beam, Floor\*, All-Around\*  
 Ashley Sledge (1): 2011 — Vault  
 Geralen Stack-Eaton (8): 2011 — All-Around, Vault, Bars, FX  
 2010 — All-Around, Vault, Beam, Bars\*  
 Rachel Terry (1): 2009 — Vault\*  
 \* Denotes second-team All-American honor

## RETURNING NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS (2)

Ashley Priess (3): 2010 — Beam  
 2009 — All-Around, Beam  
 Geralen Stack-Eaton (4): 2011 — Beam  
 2010 — All-Around, Vault, Bars

## RETURNING SEC CHAMPIONS (2)

Ashley Priess (2): 2010 — All-Around, Beam  
 Geralen Stack-Eaton (2): 2011 — Beam, Floor

## RETURNING ALL-SEC (7)

Sarah DeMeo 2011 — Second Team Freshman  
 Marissa Gutierrez 2011 — Second Team  
 Kim Jacob 2011 — Second Team Freshman  
 Diandra Milliner 2011 — Second Team Freshman  
 Ashley Priess: 2010 — First Team  
 2009 — Second Team Freshman  
 Ashley Sledge 2011 — Second Team  
 Geralen Stack-Eaton 2011 — First Team  
 2009 — Freshman

## RETURNING SCHOLASTIC ALL-AMERICANS (11)

Becca Alexin, Sarah DeMeo, Ria Domier, Lindsey Fowler, Kim Jacob, Diandra Milliner, Ashley Priess, Ashley Sledge, Geralen Stack-Eaton, Rachel Terry and Hannah Toussaint

## RETURNING SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL HONOREES (12)

Becca Alexin, Olivia Carisella, Sarah DeMeo, Ria Domier, Lindsey Fowler, Marissa Gutierrez, Kim Jacob, Ashley Priess, Ashley Sledge, Geralen Stack-Eaton, Rachel Terry and Hannah Toussaint

# Becca ALEXIN

Junior | 2L | 5-5 | Bars, Beam, Floor

**Hometown:** Cordova, Tenn.

**Major:** Health Studies

**High School:** Faith Heritage Academy

**Club:** GymStars

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Sophomore** Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... competed in the uneven bars lineup 12 times, including the entire championship season .... scored a career-high 9.875 to take second on the uneven bars at the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional Championships ... made her debut in Alabama's competitive lineup with a 9.85 on the uneven bars against Boise State ... earned President's List honors (4.0 grade point average) for the fall semester.

**2010 | Freshman** Scholastic All-American ... joined Alabama on Dec. 26, 2009 for the second semester ... a knee injury kept her from the Crimson Tide's lineup ... earned Dean's List honors (3.5 or better GPA) for the spring semester.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Graduated early to join Alabama in January ... competed for GymStars where she was coached by her parents Gene and Donna Alexin, who also coached former Tide All-American Lissy Smith and SEC Freshman of the Year Robin Hawkins ... three-time TOPs National Qualifier ... seven-time Regional Qualifier ... 10-time Regional Medalist ... earned A/B honor roll throughout her high school career.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Jennifer Rebecca Rae Alexin ... daughter of Gene and Donna Alexin ... sisters, Billie, Shelly and Scarlett ... brother, Gene ... born December 20, 1991.

## ALEXIN'S TOP SCORES:

Bars: 9.875





## Olivia CARISELLA

Sophomore | 1L | 5-2 | All-Around

**Hometown:** New Orleans, La.

**Major:** Food and Nutrition

**High School:** Baton Rouge Episcopal

**Club:** Elite Gymnastics

### ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Freshman** SEC Academic Honor Roll ... earned Dean's List honors (3.5 or better grade point average) for the spring semester.

### PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Johnny Moyal and Jessica Connor at Elite Gymnastics ... prior to Hurricane Katrina, was coached by Larisa and Anatoly Ivanov ... five-time Junior Olympic National Championship qualifier ... finished seventh in the all-around and fifth on the floor exercise at the 2010 Junior Olympic National Championships ... took ninth on the floor exercise and 10th on the vault at the 2009 Junior Olympic National Championships and finished 15th in the all-around ... Region 8 all-around champion in 2006 and 2009 ... took second in the in the all-around at the 2008 Region 8 championships ... won the vault uneven bars and floor exercise at the 2009 Region 8 championships.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Olivia Dianne Carisella ... daughter of Dianne and Jim Carisella ... brother, the late Jay Carisella, ran track and cross country at Northeastern University ... born January 29, 1991.





# Kaitlyn CLARK

Freshman | HS | 5-1 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

**Major:** Exercise Science

**High School:** Ontario Christian

**Club:** Precision Gymnastics

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

A member of the United States National Team ... coached by Trent and Jill Spaulding at Precision Gymnastics ... finished ninth in the all-around at the 2010 USA Senior National Championships ... finished 10th in the all-around at the 2009 USA Senior National Championships ... took part in the 2009 USA World Championship team selection camp ... participated in the 2008 Pan American Gymnastics Union training camp ... active Girl Scout since kindergarten ... member of the National Honor Society and the California Scholarship Federation.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Kaitlyn Rene Clark ... daughter of Dan and Monique Clark ... sister, Breanna .... brothers, Mathew and Kyle ... major ... June 5, 1993.





## Sarah DEMEO

Sophomore | 1L | 4-11 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Overland Park, Kan.

**Major:** Interdisciplinary

**High School:** Blue Valley

**Club:** Eagle Gymnastics

### ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Freshman** First team Uneven Bars All-American ... Scholastic All-American ... finished third on the uneven bars at the NCAA Championships Individual Event Finals ... Second team All-SEC ... Freshman All-SEC ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... finished second on the balance beam at the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional and SEC Championships with matching scores of 9.9 ... named SEC Gymnast of the Week after scoring a career-best 39.450 in the all-around and 9.950 on the balance beam, winning both against LSU ... scored a career-best 9.875 on the floor exercise against LSU ... named SEC Freshman Gymnast of the Week after the Tide's meet at Georgia ... competed in the all-around in half of the Tide's meets during the regular season ... competed in 43 individual events during the season, posting five wins, including four balance beam titles and an all-around win ... scored a career-best 9.875 on the vault at Georgia ... scored a career-high 9.9 on the uneven bars in the semi-finals of the NCAA Championships ... won the balance beam in her first meet for the Tide with a 9.925 against Penn State, the highest score on any event in the meet ... named to the Dean's List (3.5 or better grade point average) for both the fall and spring semesters.

### PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Kim Fuchs and Kami Claridge at Eagle Gymnastics ... three-year member of the U.S. National Team ... won the 2010 Level 10 national balance beam title and finished second in the all-around ... won the 2009 Level 10 national uneven bars title ... won the all-around title at the state and regional level in 2009 and was fifth nationally ... four-year member of the Principal's Honor Roll.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Sarah Christine DeMeo ... daughter of Susan Lucas and Craig DeMeo ... sister, Allison ... stepsisters, Melissa, Lauren and Candice ... stepbrothers, Kyle and Connor ... January 29, 1992.

### DeMEO'S TOP SCORES:

All-Around: 39.450 | Vault: 9.875 | Bars: 9.900  
| Beam: 9.950 | Floor: 9.875

## Hunter DENNIS

Freshman | HS | 5-4 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Westampton, N.J.

**Major:** Pre-major Studies

**High School:** Holy Cross

**Club:** Will-Moor School of Gymnastics

### PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Graduated early from Holy Cross High School and joined the Crimson Tide in January for the spring semester ... coached by Kim and Kevin Bonus, John Wilton and Jeanne Kane at Will-Moor School of Gymnastics ... 2010 Junior Olympic National qualifier ... six-time Region 7 Championship competitor ... won the floor exercise at the IGI Chicago Style Invitational ... won the all-around, vault and floor exercise at the Sportsplex Team Classic.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Hunter Alexandra Dennis ... daughter of Al and Carla Dennis ... sister, Morgan, is a former Alabama gymnast who earned eight All-American honors and won the 2007 NCAA Floor Exercise Championship during her Crimson Tide career ... April 6, 1994.



# Ria DOMIER

Sophomore | 1L | 5-1 | Vault, Floor

**Hometown:** Davis, Calif.

**Major:** Chemical Engineering

**High School:** Davis Senior

**Club:** Davis Diamonds Gymnastics

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Freshman** Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... named to the President's List (4.0 grade point average) for the fall semester ... earned Dean's List (3.5 or better GPA) honors for the spring semester ... carries a 4.0 GPA for her career.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Hilde Aune and James Major at Davis Diamonds Gymnastics ... won the vault at the 2010 Norcal Level 10 State Championships and took second on the balance beam and fourth in the all around ... took fourth on the vault at the 2010 Region 1 Championships ... took third in the all-around and on the vault at the 2010 Junior Olympics NIT Championships as well as taking fifth on balance beam ... finished third on the vault and floor exercise at the 2008 Norcal Level 10 State Championships ... National Merit finalist ... National AP Scholar ... co-president of the DHS Science Bowl Team ... project coordinator for the DHS Chapter of the California Scholarship Federation ... 2008 National Science League Chemistry school champion ... 2010 National Science League Physics school co-champion.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Ria Chandra Domier ... daughter of Vinita and Calvin Domier ... brother, Arvin ... born October 1, 1992.





## Lindsey FOWLER

Sophomore | 1L | 5-4 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Birmingham, Ala.

**Major:** Restaurant and Hospitality Management

**High School:** Oak Mountain

**Club:** JamJev Gymnastics

### ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Freshman** Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Eta Sigma and Lambda Sigma honor societies ... Council of Presidents Freshman Academic Achievement award winner ... named to the President's List (4.0 GPA) for the fall and spring semester ... carries a perfect 4.0 GPA for her career.

### PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by John and Dara Lowery and David and Kelly Hill at JamJev Gymnastics ... her coach Dara (Stewart) Lowery was an All-American gymnast for the Crimson Tide ... 2009 Level 10 state champion on the vault and runner-up on the floor exercise ... 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 Level 10 Regional Championship qualifier ... 2008 Level 10 state champion on the balance beam and uneven bars ... 2008 Junior National Championships qualifier ... 2007 Level 10 state balance beam champion ... salutatorian ... member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and the Spanish Honor Society.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Lindsey Elaine Fowler ... daughter of Laurie and Tony Fowler ... brothers, Zack and Riley ... born August 14, 1991.





## Lora Leigh FROST

Freshman | HS | 5-2 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Decatur, Ala.

**Major:** General Health Studies

**High School:** Decatur Heritage Christian Academy

**Club:** Calvin Twisters

### PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Lynette Calvin at Calvin Twisters ... qualified for the 2011 Junior Olympic National Championships ... finished third in the all-around at the 2011 J.O. Region 8 Championships while taking second on the vault, uneven bars and floor exercise ... won the all-around at the 2010 JFJ Elite Cup.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Lora Leigh Frost ... daughter of Vicki and Barry Frost ... born February 28, 1993.



# Marissa GUTIERREZ

Junior | 2L | 5-2 | V, BB, FX

**Major:** Early Childhood Development

**Hometown:** Houston, Texas

**High School:** Clear Brook

**Club:** Woodland Gymnastics Academy

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Sophomore** First team Vault All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... Second team All-SEC ... posted a career-high 9.95 on the vault in the semi-finals of the NCAA Championships ... finished fifth on the vault at the NCAA Championships Individual Event Finals ... finished second on the vault at the SEC Championships with a 9.9 ... competed in 36 individual events during the season ... posted a career-high 9.925 to lead the Tide on the floor exercise at Georgia ... scored a career-best 9.875 on the balance beam at Georgia.

**2010 | Freshman** SEC Academic Honor Roll ... earned her first career win on the balance beam against Arizona with a 9.85 ... took second on the balance beam at the NCAA Lexington Regional Championships with a 9.85 ... made her Crimson Tide debut at Auburn on the vault and balance beam and her floor exercise debut against Georgia ... competed on the balance beam in all 14 meets of the season and on the vault in 13 of 14 meets ... named the Crimson Tide's Outstanding Freshman.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Debbie Kaitchuk and Deana Parish, who also mentored former Alabama NCAA Champion Andréé Pickens, and JP Lavacheny at Woodland Gymnastics Academy ... earned a silver medal on the vault at the 2006 Junior Olympic National Championships ... finished sixth on the vault and 15th in the all-around at the 2005 J.O. Championships ... won the 2008 Texas State vault and balance beam titles ... voted "Most Athletic" of the senior class ... graduated on the Distinguished Achievement plan.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: Marissa Yvonne Gutierrez ... daughter of Mario and Ana Gutierrez ... brothers, Mario, Mark and Michael ... Sisters-in-Law, Leigh and Adrienne ... born May 16, 1991.

## GUTIERREZ'S TOP SCORES:

Vault: 9.950 | Beam: 9.875 | Floor: 9.925



# Kim JACOB

Sophomore | 1L | 5-2 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Raleigh, N.C.

**Major:** Exercise Science

**High School:** Homeschooled

**Club:** Superior Gymnastics

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Freshman** First team All-Around and Balance Beam All-American ... Scholastic All-American ... Second team All-SEC ... Freshman All-SEC ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... scored a career-best 9.95 in the NCAA Championships Super Six Team Finals, the highest balance beam score of the NCAA Championships ... finished seventh in the all-around at the NCAA Championships ... finished eighth on the balance beam at the NCAA Championships Individual Event Finals ... closed out the season by going all-around in back-to-back nights at the NCAA Championships, after competing in the all-around only twice in the regular season, including a career-best 39.425 in the Super Six Team Final ... finished second on the balance beam at the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional and SEC Championships with a 9.9 each time ... won the balance beam at Arkansas from the leadoff spot ... competed 40 routines during the season, including going on the balance beam in all 14 meets ... earned the Crimson Tide's Lewis Each Courage Award ... named to the President's List (4.0 GPA) for the fall and spring semester ... carries a perfect 4.0 GPA for her career.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Krystal Kramer at Superior Gymnastics ... Senior International Elite gymnast ... qualified for the U.S. Visa Championships in 2008 and 2009, finishing 12th in the all-around in 2009 ... 2010 Junior Olympic National all-around champion ... won the uneven bars and finished second in the all-around at the 2009 American Classic ... 2006 Junior Olympics national all-around, balance beam and floor exercise champion.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Kimberly Anne Jacob ... daughter of Victoria and Michael Jacob ... brother, Rick ... sisters, Tina, Kelsie, Steph and Jenny ... born September 18, 1991.

## JACOB'S TOP SCORES:

All-Around: 39.425 | Vault: 9.825 | Bars: 9.825  
| Beam: 9.950 | Floor: 9.875





## Diandra MILLINER

Sophomore | 1L | 5-3 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Wichita, Kan.

**Major:** Pre-major Studies

**High School:** Maize

**Club:** Folger's Gymnastics

### ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Freshman** Second team balance beam All-American ... Scholastic All-American ... scored a 9.95 in the NCAA Championships Super Six Team Finals, tying for the highest vault score of the night ... Second team All-SEC ... Freshman All-SEC ... joined the Crimson Tide on Dec. 26 for the second semester after graduating from high school early ... twice named SEC Freshman Gymnast of the Week, after the Tide's meets against Auburn and LSU ... posted a career-high 9.975 on the vault against LSU ... scored a 39.450 against Kentucky in her first all-around appearance ... scored a career-high 9.825 on the uneven bars against Kentucky ... scored a career-best 9.925 on the floor exercise against Kentucky and LSU ... competed 40 routines during the season, scoring 9.9 or better 10 times – seven on the vault and three on the floor exercise ... anchored Alabama's vault lineup in all 14 meets ... won five of 10 individual vault titles during the regular season ... scored a career-high 9.875 on the balance beam at the Metroplex Challenge ... in the first routine of her first meet for the Crimson Tide, she won the vault against Penn State with a 9.9 ... earned Dean's List honors (3.5 or better grade point average) for the spring semester.

### PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Mark Folger at Folger's Gymnastics ... 2010 Junior Olympic National vault and floor exercise champion ... won the vault and finished second in the all-around at the 2009 Junior Olympic National Championships ... took first on the vault, uneven bars and floor exercise at the 2010 Junior Olympic Regional Championships ... won the vault and floor exercise at the 2010 Nastia Liukin Cup ... won the all-around at the Pink Ribbon Invitational, Texas Prime Meet and National Gymnastics Challenge in 2009.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Diandra Quinn Milliner ... daughter of Traci and Reuben Milliner ... sisters, Aleah and Micala ... October 18, 1992.

### MILLINER'S TOP SCORES:

All-Around: 39.450 | Vault: 9.975 | Bars: 9.825  
| Beam: 9.875 | Floor: 9.925

# Brooke PARKER

Freshman | HS | 5-0 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Lorton, Va.

**Major:** Business

**High School:** South County Secondary

**Club:** Capital Gymnastics National Training Center

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

A Senior International Elite ... coached by Tatiana Perskaia and Oleksandr Vorobyov at Capital Gymnastics National Training Center .... finished 13th in the all-around and was ninth on the uneven bars at the 2009 USA Senior National Championships.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Brooke Kathleen Parker ... daughter of Nora and Michael Parker ... brother, Jayce ... born September 2, 1993.





# Ashley PRIESS

Senior | 3L | 5-3 | All-Around

**Major:** Spanish

**Hometown:** Wheaton, Ill.

**High School:** Lakota West

**Club:** Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Senior** Graduated in December of 2011 with a Bachelor's degree in Spanish ... currently pursuing a Master's degree in marketing ... first Alabama gymnast to earn an undergraduate degree and start a Master's degree while still competing

**2011 | Junior** Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... surgery on both ankles after the 2010 season, one in the summer and one in the fall, sidelined her for the 2011 season ... named to the Dean's List (3.5 or better grade point average) for both the fall and spring semester.

**2010 | Sophomore** First-team All-American on the balance beam ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... won the balance beam with a 9.875 and was second in the all-around at the NCAA Lexington Regional Championships ... 2010 SEC all-around and balance beam champion ... first team All-SEC ... SEC Gymnast of the Week (3/23) ... posted the highest balance beam score on both nights of the NCAA Championships with a 9.925 in the semi-finals and a 9.95 during the NCAA Super Six Team finals ... won 18 event titles, including six uneven bars and 10 balance beam titles during the season ... she won the balance beam in the season opener for the second year in a row, scoring a 9.9 to once again clinch a season-opening win at Auburn ... earned the Tide's Spirit of the Week award after Arkansas and Kentucky and Performance of the Week award after LSU ... produced 20 routines of 9.9 or better ... earned the team's Lewis Each Courage Award ... named the Crimson Tide's co-captain along with Morgan Dennis ... earned Dean's List honors (3.5 or better GPA) for the spring semester.

**2009 | Freshman** First-team All-American on the balance beam and the uneven bars ... second-team All-American in the all-around and floor exercise ... Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... posted a career-best 39.575 in the all-around during the NCAA Super Six Team Finals ... won the all-around and the balance beam with a career-high 9.95 at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships ... earned Second Team All-SEC and Freshman All-SEC honors ... became the first gymnast to earn SEC Freshman of the Week honors (the award was in its first season during 2009), earning the honor after the Tide's meet at Auburn ... was named SEC Freshman of the Week five times, as much as all the other honorees combined, including the last three weeks of the regular season ... won 15 events during the season ... scored 9.9 or better 22 times during the season, including six routines at the NCAA Championships ... scored career-highs of 9.9 on the vault and 9.95 on the floor exercise against Stanford ... matched her career high of 9.9 on the vault against Oklahoma/UNC, at the SEC Championships and during the NCAA Super Six Team Finals ... went in the all-around the last 10 meets in a row after making her debut against LSU, scoring 39.250 or better seven times ... scored a career-high 9.925 on the uneven bars against Kentucky, a score she matched against Denver ... competed in 57 events during the season, the second highest total on the team, including the uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise in every meet ... earned Dean's List (3.5 or better GPA) honors for the fall semester.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Mary Lee Tracy at Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy ... seven-year member of the USA National team ... a Senior International Elite, she was a member of the 2006 USA World Championship team, finishing 10th in the all-around and helping the U.S. to the silver medal ... took second in the all-around at the 2008 International Exchange ... competed with current Alabama All-American Kassi Price on the 2006 U.S. World Cup team in Lyon, France, winning the balance beam and uneven bars ... earned a silver and bronze medal in the balance beam and floor exercise respectively at the 2006 World Cup event in Ghent, Belgium ... earned a silver medal on balance beam and was seventh in the all-around at the 2005 Massilia Gym Cup in Marseilles, France ... finished fifth on the balance beam and sixth in the all-around and on the uneven bars and floor exercise at the 2006 USA Championships ... 2004, 2005 and 2006 U.S. Classic all-around champion.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: Ashley Elizabeth Priess ... daughter of Mel and Linda Priess ... her sister, Courtney, is a former Alabama gymnast ... born March 8, 1990.

## PRIESS' TOP SCORES:

All-Around: 39.575 | Vault: 9.900 | Bars: 9.925 | Beam: 9.950 | Floor: 9.950

# Ashley SLEDGE

Junior | 2L | 5-3 | All-Around

**Major:** Public Relations

**Hometown:** Fairview Heights, Ill.

**High School:** Belleville East

**Club:** World Class Gymnastics

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Sophomore** First-team vault All-American ... finished seventh on the vault in the NCAA Championships Individual Event Finals ... Second team All-SEC ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... won five individual titles during the season, four on the uneven bars and one on the vault ... competed 41 routines during the season, scoring 9.9 or better 11 times – five on the vault and four on the uneven bars ... scored a career-best 9.925 and came away with her first collegiate vault win at Georgia ... scored a career-high 9.9 on the floor exercise against Kentucky and at the SEC Championships ... posted a career-high 9.925 on the uneven bars at the Metroplex Challenge ... for the second year in a row, opened the season with a win on the uneven bars, scoring a 9.85 to take first place against Penn State ... made her debut in Alabama's competitive floor exercise lineup at Florida ... made her debut in Alabama's competitive balance beam lineup at Arkansas ... earned Dean's List (3.5 or better grade point average) honors for the spring semester.

**2010 | Freshman** Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... SEC Freshman of the Week (1/12) ... won the uneven bars against Auburn in her first Crimson Tide routine ... tied for first on the uneven bars with a career-best 9.9 against Arkansas ... tied her career-best on the uneven bars in the NCAA Super Six Team finals with a 9.9 ... made her vault debut at Oklahoma, posting a 9.85 ... earned the Tide's Spirit of the Week award against Oklahoma ... earned Dean's List honors (3.5 or better GPA) for both the fall and spring semesters.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Donna Berutti, Patrick Hulliung and Scott King at World Class Gymnastics ... named Region 5 Athlete of the Year after winning the 2005 Junior Olympic National All-Around title ... third in the all-around at J.O. Nationals after winning the Illinois State All-Around Championship in 2007 ... twice attended training camps at the Olympic Training Center ... won the all-around at both the 2008 Navy Pier and Circle of Stars meets.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: Ashley Arleen Sledge ... daughter of Ashley and Sandra Sledge ... sister, Sandra ... father, Ashley, played football at Southern Illinois University, winning a national championship in 1983 ... born August 31, 1991.

## SLEDGE'S TOP SCORES:

Vault: 9.925 | Bars: 9.925 | Beam: 9.625 | Floor: 9.900



# Geralen STACK-EATON

Senior | 3L | 5-4 | All-Around

**Major:** Telecommunications and Film

**Hometown:** Horsham, Pa.

**High School:** Bridgeway Academy

**Club:** Parkettes

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Junior** NCAA Floor Exercise Champion ... won Alabama's 22nd individual NCAA title with a 9.9375 on the floor during individual event finals ... First team All-Around, Vault, Uneven Bars and Floor Exercise All-American, pushing her career total to eight ... Scholastic All-American ... finished first on the floor exercise, seventh on the vault and 15th on the uneven bars at the NCAA Championships Individual Event Finals ... First team All-SEC ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... won the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional balance beam title with a 9.95, the highest score of any regional ... won the balance beam and floor exercise at the SEC Championships with matching 9.925s ... ranked No. 1 in the nation during the season on the balance beam ... named SEC Gymnast of the Week after a career night against Kentucky, posting career-best scores in the all-around (39.675), uneven bars (9.925) and floor exercise (9.950) and winning the all-around, bars, beam and floor ... tied her career-best scores of 9.925 on the vault and balance beam at Georgia ... anchored Alabama's balance beam lineup in all 14 meets ... competed 52 routines during the season, scoring 9.9 or better 20 times – four each on the vault and uneven bars, seven on the balance beam and five on the floor exercise ... won 13 individual event titles – one each in the all-around and on the vault, three on the uneven bars, five on the balance beam and three on the floor ... named the Crimson Tide's co-captain along with Kayla Hoffman ... earned Dean's List (3.5 or better grade point average) honors for the spring semester.

**2010 | Sophomore** First team All-American in the all-around, vault and balance beam ... second team All-American on the uneven bars ... 2010 NCAA Lexington Regional all-around, vault and uneven bars champion ... SEC Gymnast of the Week (2/16) ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... posted a career-high 39.625 to win the all-around against Florida ... won the vault with a career-high 9.925 at Penn State, a score she matched against Florida ... won the first collegiate all-around title of her career at Auburn to open the season ... won 10 event titles ... scored a career-high 9.9 on the uneven bars against Arizona, a score she matched at Oklahoma and at the NCAA Regional.

**2009 | Freshman** Freshman All-SEC ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... posted a career-high score of 39.450 in the all-around during the NCAA Super Six Team Finals ... scored a career-high of 9.875 on the uneven bars at the SEC Championships ... posted career-high marks of 9.925 on the floor exercise against Stanford ... made her all-around debut against Auburn ... scored a career-high of 9.9 on the vault against Auburn from the leadoff spot, a score she matched against Stanford ... led Alabama on the balance beam at Georgia with a career-high 9.9, a score she tied at Penn State ... scored a career-high 9.875 on the uneven bars at the SEC Championships ... competed in the Tide's lineup 52 times, including the vault, uneven bars and balance beam in every meet ... won six events during the season ... scored 9.9 or better eight times ... earned Dean's List (3.5 or better GPA) honors for the spring semester.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by Bill and Donna Strauss, John Holman and Robin Netwall at Parkettes ... a Senior International Elite, she finished sixth in the all-around, fourth on the uneven bars and fifth on the balance beam at the 2007 USA Championships ... took seventh on the balance beam at the 2007 DTB Pokal World Cup meet in Stuttgart, Germany ... competed in the USA/Belgium dual meet in 2003, helping the United States to the win and taking the bronze medal in the all-around and floor exercise and silver medal in the balance beam ... helped lead the U.S. to team gold against Japan in 2002.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: Geralen Joni Stack-Eaton ... daughter of Susan Stack and the late Jon Eaton ... brother, Ryan ... sister, Melissa ... born October 25, 1989.

## STACK-EATON'S TOP SCORES:

All-Around: 39.675 | Vault: 9.925 | Bars: 9.925 | Beam: 9.950 | Floor: 9.950

# Rachel TERRY

Senior | 3L | 4-10 | Vault, Bars, Floor

**Hometown:** Hoover, Ala.

**Major:** Early Childhood Education

**High School:** SMIC Academy

**Club:** JFJ Elite Gymnastics

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Junior** Earned the NCAA Elite 88 Award, given annually to the athlete with the highest career grade point average at each of the NCAA's 88 national championships ... in its first two years, the NCAA Elite 88 Award has gone to an Alabama gymnast each time, with Terry joining inaugural winner, 2010 senior Kassi Price ... Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... made her career debut in Alabama's competitive floor exercise lineup against Boise State ... posted a career-high 9.850 on the floor exercise against Kentucky ... inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society ... named to the President's List (4.0 GPA) for the fall and spring semester ... carries a perfect 4.0 GPA for her career.

**2010 | Sophomore** Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... named to the President's List in both the fall and spring after earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average both semesters ... inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta honor society ... earned the College of Human Environmental Science's Phi Upsilon Omicron Award.

**2009 | Freshman** Second-team All-American on the vault ... Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... scored a career-high 9.875 on the uneven bars at the SEC Championships ... scored a season-high 9.9 on the vault at Arkansas, a score she matched during the preliminaries of the NCAA Championships ... made her competitive debut on the uneven bars at Arkansas ... made her debut in the Tide's competitive lineup on the vault against Kentucky ... named to the President's list for the fall and spring semesters after earning a perfect 4.0 GPAs both semesters ... inducted into Kappa Delta Epsilon and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by David and Kelly Hill and Kathy Chambers at the JFJ Elite Gymnastics ... as a Level 10 gymnast, she competed at the 2008 Junior Olympic National Championships, taking 11th on the uneven bars ... took second in the all-around and on the uneven bars at the 2008 Junior Olympic Region 8 Championships ... finished second on the vault and third on the uneven bars at the 2008 Cancun Classic ... won the vault at the 2007 Junior Olympic Region 8 Championships ... won the all-around at the 2007 and 2008 Alabama State Championships ... won the all-around and floor exercise and finished second on the balance beam at the 2005 Level 9 Region 8 Championships.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: Rachel Elizabeth Terry ... daughter of Darcy and Jim Terry ... sisters, Rachel, Esther and Ruth ... brother, Paul ... born July 18, 1990.

## TERRY'S TOP SCORES:

Vault: 9.900 | Bars: 9.875 | Floor: 9.850



# Hannah TOUSSAINT

Sophomore | 1L | 5-3 | All-Around

Hometown: Warren, Ohio

Major: Communicative Disorders

High School: Howland

Club: Olympic Dreams

## ALABAMA HIGHLIGHTS:

**2011 | Freshman** Scholastic All-American ... SEC Academic Honor Roll ... made her debut in Alabama's competitive lineup on the floor exercise against Boise State, posting a 9.875 ... made her debut in the Tide's competitive balance beam lineup at Georgia with a 9.875 ... earned Dean's List (3.5 or better GPA) honors for the fall semester.

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

Coached by her parents Dawn and Gary Toussaint at Olympic Dreams Gymnastics ... finished third in the all-around and uneven bars at the 2008 Level 10 National Championships ... three-year member of the TOPs National Team ... competed internationally as part of the USA Gymnastics Region 5 All-Star Team in China, Japan, Germany, El Salvador and Costa Rica ... has a skill named after her after competing "The Toussaint" at the Junior Olympic National Championships ... competed at the 2007 US Classic Jr. International and the 2006 Jr. International Elite Championship of the USA ... won the all around, vault and uneven bars at the 2008 Arnold Classic ... 2008 and 2005 US Coaches Cup all-around champion ... 2008 Friendship Classic all-around champion ... took third in the all-around at the 2008 Chicago Style meet ... member of the Spanish Club.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Hannah Michelle Toussaint ... daughter of Dawn and Gary Toussaint ... brother, David ... sister, Danielle ... March 26, 1992.

## TOUSSAINT'S TOP SCORES:

Beam: 9.875 | Floor: 9.875





# Kayla WILLIAMS

Freshman | HS | 5-2 | All-Around

**Hometown:** Huntington, W.Va.

**Major:** Public Relations

**High School:** Huntington

**Club:** Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy

## PREP HIGHLIGHTS:

2009 World Vault Champion ... member of the United States 2009 World Championship team ... coached by Mary Lee Tracy at Cincinnati Gymnastics, the same gym that produced Alabama senior All-American Ashley Priess ... in 2009, won the vault at the USA Junior and Senior National Championships as well as the World Championships ... three-year member of the Region 7 All-Star team ... won the Junior Olympic National all-around, floor exercise and vault titles in 2009 ... member of the National Honor Society.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full name: Kayla Rose Williams ... daughter of Elizabeth and William Williams ... born May 8, 1993.





# THE CRIMSON TIDE'S 2011 SEASON IN REVIEW



The Alabama gymnastics team enjoyed a season for the ages in 2011, winning its fifth NCAA Championship, seventh Southeastern Conference Championship and 26th NCAA Regional title. The Crimson Tide also enjoyed unprecedented success in the classroom and in the area of community outreach.

## THE REGULAR SEASON

Alabama posted 11 wins in 2011, pushing Sarah and David Patterson's win total over 400 for their career, but it was the lone loss in the middle of the regular season that likely put the Crimson Tide on the path to its championship sweep.

"I think our defining moment was when we were in Florida and had probably the worst meet we've had as a team in 20 years," David Patterson said. "Just the way the kids responded to that loss, coming right back in the gym ready to improve and move forward, I think that set the tone for the rest of the year for us."

Solid prior to its loss in Gainesville, Fla., the Tide leaped to a whole new level in the meets that followed, starting with the very next outing, in front of a sold-out home crowd, against in-state rival Auburn when Alabama posted the first of four consecutive 197-plus scores.



It was also during the Auburn meet that the A-Club, Alabama's letterwinner's organization, introduced the Sarah Patterson A-Club Endowed Scholarship.

The next week, Alabama hosted Kentucky for the Tide's seventh-annual Power of Pink meet, during which a check for \$1 million, which represents all the money raised during the first half-dozen years of the Alabama Gymnastics DCH Breast Cancer Fund.

The Tide's second-half surge, which included a season-high 197.675 at Georgia, propelled a strong, confident Alabama team into the championship season.

## ATTENDANCE

For the second year in a row, Alabama was second among all women's sports in attendance, drawing an average of 12,730 fans per meet. The Crimson Tide posted its eighth sellout since 1997 and its seventh in the past six years when 15,075 fans filled Coleman Coliseum against Auburn.

Alabama drew over 11,000 fans in three other meets, including 14,274 for its seventh annual Power of Pink meet.



## SEC REGULAR SEASON HONORS

Alabama closed out the regular season by becoming the only conference team to sweep the SEC weekly honors in 2011 when freshman Sarah DeMeo was named the league's Gymnast of the Week while Diandra Milliner was named SEC Freshman of the Week. It was Alabama's sixth and seventh conference honor of the season. DeMeo and Milliner both earned freshman gymnast of the week honors earlier in the year while senior Kayla Hoffman and junior Geraleen Stack-Eaton both earned SEC Gymnast of the Week recognition during the year, with Hoffman earning the accolade twice.

## SEC CHAMPIONSHIP NO. 7

Alabama started out the SEC Championships in Birmingham's BJCC Arena with a solid uneven bars score and from there, things just kept getting better until the Tide posted a meet-best 49.5 on the vault. From there, the team would sit on a bye during the last rotation in its "Bama Bubble," waiting to see if Florida could catch them. In the end, the Gators would fall a quarter of a point short of Alabama's 197.225 and the Tide won its seventh SEC title and second in three years.



All-American and Scholastic All-American Geralen Stack-Eaton



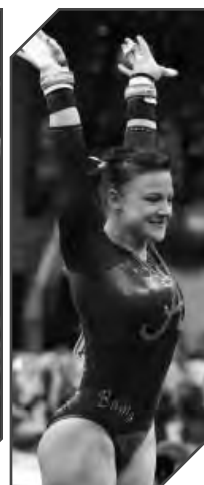
All-American and Scholastic All-American Kayla Hoffman



All-American and Scholastic All-American Ashley Sledge



All-American and Scholastic All-American Marissa Gutierrez



All-American and Scholastic All-American Sarah DeMeo



All-American and Scholastic All-American Diandra Milliner



All-American and Scholastic All-American Kim Jacob

Geralen Stack-Eaton won the balance beam and floor exercise while Kayla Hoffman won the vault. Stack-Eaton and Hoffman earned first-team All-SEC honors, while Marissa Gutierrez, Ashley Sledge, Sarah DeMeo, Kim Jacob and Diandra Milliner all earned second-team honors. DeMeo, Jacob and Milliner also earned Freshman All-SEC accolades while Alyssa Chapman was named to the SEC Community Service Team.

## MORE THAN ALL THE REST

Alabama was dominant on the way to winning its NCAA-record 26th regional title, out-scoring its nearest opponent by more than a point with a 197.275 in the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional Championships.

Kayla Hoffman won the all-around, vault, uneven bars and floor exercise while Geralen Stack-Eaton won the balance beam to give the Tide a clean sweep of the individual titles. Hoffman was also named the NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year.

Most importantly, the regional victory propelled Alabama to its 29th consecutive NCAA Championship.

## THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

After earning the No. 1 seed coming out of the regional championships, Alabama posted the highest score of either semifinal session on day one of the NCAA Gymnastics Championships at the Wolstein Center on the Cleveland State campus, advancing to the finals.

In the Super Six Team Finals, Alabama came roaring out of the gate, scoring a 49.575 on the vault, before posting a 49.275 on the uneven bars. Alabama posted the second highest balance beam score of the championship weekend, a 49.350, to bring the meet down to a showdown between the Crimson Tide and defending champion UCLA.

Tied at the mid-way point of the meet, the two teams were separated by a mere .025 going into the last rotation, with Alabama headed to the floor exercise and the Bruins to the balance beam.

UCLA tied the meet with its second gymnast and pulled ahead with its third, but from there, Alabama put its foot down on the accelerator and shot past the Bruins. Diandra Milliner scored a

9.875 to take the lead back and junior Geralen Stack-Eaton and senior Kayla Hoffman closed out the meet, and the Bruins, by posting the two highest floor scores of the day, 9.925 and 9.95 respectively. Alabama won its fifth NCAA Championship with a 197.650, capping an unbelievable stretch that included winning its last nine meets in a row and posting eight 197-plus scores over that span.

Individually, Stack-Eaton won the Tide's 22nd individual NCAA title, taking top honors on the floor exercise. Hoffman was the NCAA runner-up in the all-around and the balance beam. All together, seven Tide gymnasts came away with 13 All-American honors to close out the 2011 season. Stack-Eaton again earned four All-American honors, pushing her career total to eight. Hoffman closed out her career with a trio of All-American accolades, going to five all-time. Kim Jacob earned a pair of first-team honors while Marissa Gutierrez, Ashley Sledge, Sarah DeMeo and Diandra Milliner all earned one honor a piece.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

As amazing as Alabama's success in the arena was in 2011, it was just as, if not more successful in the classroom. The Crimson Tide posted a 3.71 team grade point average last spring, setting a new team record to go with its fifth national team championship.

Alabama ranked fourth among all gymnastics programs and was one of just two teams that both made it to April's NCAA Championships in Cleveland, Ohio, and was ranked among the top-20 academically. Additionally, Alabama was the top-ranked SEC team by more than four-tenths of a point.

The Tide also set a new school mark with 14 gymnasts earning Scholastic All-American honors in the same season. Among those 14 honorees, five, Kayla Hoffman, Rachel Terry, Kim Jacob, Lindsey Fowler and Ria Domier, hold a career GPA of 4.0, while all 17 members of the 2011 squad earned a 3.2 or better GPA.

Terry also earned the NCAA Elite 88 award, given annually to the athlete with the highest cumulative GPA at each of the NCAA's national championship sites. With the win, Terry joined 2010 senior Kassi Price, and kept the two-year old

award an all-Alabama affair.

Among her many awards, Hoffman was named the SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year and earned NCAA and SEC Postgraduate Scholarships.

Alabama also had 16 gymnasts earn a place on the SEC Academic Honor Roll, the highest total in school history. Alabama's 2011 total boosted the Tide's all-time tally to 229, which is more than two dozen better than the next highest total among the SEC gymnastics squads.

## CRIMSON TIDE ACCOLADES

At the season-ending banquet, Kayla Hoffman and Geralen Stack-Eaton were named the Crimson Tide's co-captains. Kim Jacob was honored with the Lewis Each Courage Award. Morgan Dennis, a 2010 senior, was presented with a Medalist Club Postgraduate Scholarship. Alyssa Chapman was named the recipient of the third-annual David DeSantis Community Service Award.

David Patterson was honored with the David Dutton Memorial Award, given to those who go above and beyond in the service of the Alabama gymnastics program. He accepted the award from the Dutton family.

At the department's annual awards reception, Hoffman was also honored with the Paul W. Bryant Student-Athlete Award, given annually to the Athletics Department's top student-athlete as chosen by the Tuscaloosa County Chapter of the University of Alabama Alumni Association.

## KAYLA HOFFMAN

Kayla Hoffman's outstanding senior season, filled as it was tremendous accomplishments on all levels, led her to some of the most prestigious accolades in the realm of collegiate athletics. After being named gymnast of the year at the conference, region and national level, the Union, N.J., native was then voted the SEC Female Athlete of the Year and earned the NCAA Today's Top VIII Award, given annually to the nation's top senior student-athletes regardless of NCAA division or gender.



# 2011 ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE RESULTS

## Team Results

Date	Ala. Rank	Ala. Score	Opponent (Opp. Rank)	Opp. Score	Att.	Site	Overall	SEC
Jan. 7	No. 2	195.350	Penn State (14)	192.750	9,366	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1-0	0-0
Jan. 14	No. 9	194.900	Arkansas (10)	194.750	2,362	Fayetteville, Ark.	2-0	1-0
Jan. 21	No. 11	196.325	Boise State (15)	195.000	13,636	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	3-0	1-0
Jan. 29	No. 6	196.825	Metroplex Challenge		2,600	Ft. Worth, Texas		
			Nebraska (10)	195.600			4-0	1-0
			LSU (25)	195.550			5-0	1-0
			Missouri	193.400			6-0	1-0
Feb. 4	No. 6	195.450	Florida (1)	197.550	6,783	Gainesville, Fla.	6-1	1-1
Feb. 11	No. 7	197.075	Auburn (21)	194.850	15,075	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	7-1	2-1
Feb. 18	No. 6	197.275	Kentucky (31)	193.000	14,274	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	8-1	3-1
Feb. 25	No. 5	197.675	Georgia (4)	197.225	9,930	Athens, Ga.	9-1	4-1
March 4	No. 3	197.075	Michigan (9)	196.325	3,035	Ann Arbor, Mich.	10-1	4-1
March 11	No. 2	196.950	LSU (22)	194.750	11,299	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	11-1	5-1
March 19	No. 2	197.225	SEC Championships		8,007	Birmingham, Ala.	1st	
			Florida (1)	196.975				
			Georgia (8)	196.650				
			Arkansas (12)	195.800				
			LSU (19)	195.475				
			Auburn (22)	195.325				
			Kentucky (29)	193.950				
April 2	No. 2	197.275	NCAA Regional Championships		8,174	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1st	
			Illinois (14)	195.925				
			Penn State (11)	195.850				
			Auburn (22)	195.600				
			Kentucky (29)	195.175				
			Central Michigan (25)	195.075				
April 15	No. 1	197.050	NCAA Championships - Semifinal II		8,174	Cleveland, Ohio.	1st	
			Nebraska (9)	196.850				
			Utah (8)	196.200				
			Florida (5)	196.125				
			Oregon State (4)	196.100				
			Kent State (12)	195.000				
April 16	No. 1	197.650	NCAA Championships-Super Six Team Finals		8,174	Cleveland, Ohio.	1st	
			UCLA (2)	197.375				
			Oklahoma (3)	197.250				
			Nebraska (9)	196.725				
			Utah (8)	196.500				
			Michigan (6)	196.425				

## Team Scores

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
Penn State	49.150	48.800	48.425	48.975	195.350
@Arkansas	49.500	47.625	48.825	48.950	194.900
Boise State	49.250	49.200	48.525	49.350	196.325
@Metroplex Challenge	49.250	49.325	49.150	49.100	196.825
@Florida	49.200	48.075	49.000	49.175	195.450
Auburn	49.275	49.375	49.100	49.325	197.075
Kentucky	49.275	49.125	49.425	49.450	197.275
@Georgia	49.500	49.325	49.525	49.325	197.675
@Michigan	49.425	49.275	49.250	49.125	197.075
LSU	49.525	49.325	48.625	49.475	196.950
SEC Championship	49.500	49.150	49.225	49.350	197.225
NCAA Regional	49.250	49.250	49.500	49.275	197.275
NCAA Champ-Semis	49.450	49.350	48.950	49.300	197.050
NCAA Champ-Super 6	49.575	49.275	49.350	49.450	197.650
Season Best	49.525	49.375	49.525	49.475	197.675

## Season High Scores

Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Becca Alexin	—	9.875	—	—	—
Alyssa Chapman	—	—	8.800	9.775	—
Sarah DeMeo	9.875	9.900	9.950	9.875	39.450
Marissa Gutierrez	9.950	—	9.875	9.925	—
Kayla Hoffman	9.950	9.925	9.950	9.950	39.675
Kim Jacob	9.825	9.825	9.950	9.875	39.425
Diandra Milliner	9.975	9.825	9.875	9.925	39.450
Jordan Moore	—	9.900	—	—	—
Ashley Sledge	9.925	9.925	9.625	9.900	—
Geralen Stack-Eaton	9.925	9.925	9.950	9.950	39.675
Rachel Terry	—	9.800	—	9.850	—
Hannah Toussaint	—	—	9.875	9.875	—
TEAM TOTALS	49.575	49.375	49.525	49.475	197.675

## Individual Scores

Becca Alexin	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	—	9.750e	—	—	—
@Arkansas	—	9.750e	—	—	—
Boise State	—	9.850	—	—	—
@Metroplex Challenge	—	9.825	—	—	—
@Florida	—	9.300	—	—	—
Auburn	—	9.850	—	—	—
Kentucky	—	9.625	—	—	—
@Georgia	—	9.800	—	—	—
@Michigan	—	9.825	—	—	—
LSU	—	9.850	—	—	—
SEC Championship	—	9.800	—	—	—
NCAA Regional	—	9.875	—	—	—
NCAA Champs-Semis	—	8.200	—	—	—
NCAA Champs-Super 6	—	9.825	—	—	—
Career Best	—	9.875	—	—	—
Alyssa Chapman	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	9.500e	—	8.800	9.700	—
@Arkansas	—	—	—	9.775	—
Career Best	9.700	—	8.800	9.775	—
Sarah DeMeo	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	9.650	9.825	9.925	9.525	38.925
@Arkansas	9.825	9.725	9.800	9.675	39.025
Boise State	9.725	9.800	9.825	9.825	39.175
@Metroplex Challenge	9.775	9.250	9.650	9.775	38.450
@Florida	9.800	—	—	—	—
Auburn	9.725	9.825e	9.850	9.900	—
Kentucky	9.800	9.850	9.900	—	—
@Georgia	9.875	9.825	9.900	—	—
@Michigan	9.800	9.850	9.900	—	—
LSU	9.800	9.825	9.900	—	—
SEC Championship	9.750	9.800	9.900	—	—
NCAA Regional	—	9.900	9.700	—	—
NCAA Champs-Semis	—	9.900	9.700	—	—
NCAA Champs-Super 6	—	9.900	9.700	—	—
Career Best	9.875	9.900	9.950	9.875	39.450
Marissa Gutierrez	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	9.825	—	9.000	9.775	—
@Arkansas	9.825	—	9.725	9.750	—
@Metroplex Challenge	—	—	9.825	—	—
@Florida	—	—	9.800	—	—
Auburn	9.800	—	9.700	9.825	—
Kentucky	9.850	—	9.775	9.825	—
@Georgia	9.850	—	9.875	9.925	—
@Michigan	9.875	—	9.775	9.900	—
LSU	9.825	—	9.250	9.900	—
SEC Championship	9.900	—	9.500	9.875	—
NCAA Regional	9.850	—	9.750	9.775	—
NCAA Champs-Semis	9.950	—	9.700	9.800	—
NCAA Champs-Super 6	9.900	—	9.825	9.850	—

NCAA Champs-Ind.	9.800	—	—	—	—
Career Best	9.950	—	9.875	9.925	—
Kayla Hoffman	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	9.900	9.825	9.875	9.900	39.500
@Arkansas	9.950	9.350	9.825	9.775	38.900
Boise State	9.875	—	9.275	9.900	—
@Metroplex Challenge	9.925	9.925	9.900	9.775	39.525
@Florida	9.900	9.875	9.375	9.650	38.800
Auburn	9.925	9.850	9.825	9.925	39.525
Kentucky	9.900	—	9.925	9.700	—
@Georgia	9.900	9.925	9.950	9.900	39.675
@Michigan	9.850	9.900	9.800	9.900	39.450
LSU	9.950	9.825	9.300	9.925	39.000
SEC Championship	9.950	9.875	9.750	9.775	39.350
NCAA Regional	9.925	9.900	9.900	9.925	39.600
NCAA Champs-Semis	9.900	9.875	9.900	9.825	39.500
NCAA Champs-Super 6	9.900	9.925	9.375	9.950	39.200
NCAA Champs-Ind.	9.8125	—	9.8875	—	—
Career Best	9.975	9.950	9.950	9.950	39.675



## NCAA Championships Scores

• April 15-17 | Cleveland, Ohio

### — SUPER SIX TEAM FINAL

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
Alabama	<b>49.575</b>	<b>49.275</b>	<b>49.350</b>	<b>49.450</b>	<b>197.650</b>
UCLA	49.500	49.325	49.200	49.350	197.375
Oklahoma	49.350	49.300	49.425	49.175	197.250
Nebraska	49.350	49.300	48.875	49.200	196.725
Utah	49.200	49.225	49.025	49.050	196.500
Michigan	49.300	49.375	48.525	49.225	196.425

### — PRELIMINARIES

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
Oklahoma	49.225	49.375	49.175	49.000	196.775
Michigan	49.325	49.375	48.750	49.250	196.700
UCLA	49.450	49.350	48.375	49.325	196.500
Arkansas	49.150	48.575	48.450	49.275	195.450
Georgia	49.250	49.075	48.700	48.425	195.450
Illinois	49.175	48.825	47.950	49.150	195.100

#### EVENING SESSION

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
Alabama	<b>49.450</b>	<b>49.350</b>	<b>48.950</b>	<b>49.300</b>	<b>197.050</b>
Nebraska	49.450	49.350	48.775	49.275	196.850
Utah	49.275	49.050	48.750	49.125	196.200
Florida	49.250	49.300	48.125	49.450	196.125
Oregon State	49.100	49.400	48.650	48.950	196.100
Kent State	49.000	48.750	48.300	48.950	195.000

## NCAA Regional Championships Scores

• April 2 | Tuscaloosa, Ala.

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
Alabama	<b>49.250</b>	<b>49.250</b>	<b>49.500</b>	<b>49.275</b>	<b>197.275</b>
Illinois	48.975	48.900	49.075	48.975	195.925
Penn State	49.000	49.125	48.850	48.875	195.850
Auburn	48.700	48.875	48.875	49.150	195.600
Kentucky	48.750	48.825	48.900	48.700	195.175
C'trl Michigan	48.900	48.575	48.825	48.775	195.075

## SEC Championships Scores

• March 19 | Birmingham, Ala.

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
Alabama	<b>49.500</b>	<b>49.150</b>	<b>49.225</b>	<b>49.350</b>	<b>197.225</b>
Florida	49.400	49.250	48.950	49.375	196.975
Georgia	49.250	49.250	49.225	48.900	196.625
Arkansas	49.325	48.675	48.825	48.975	195.800
LSU	49.350	49.150	47.925	49.050	195.475
Auburn	48.700	48.825	48.750	49.050	195.325
Kentucky	48.725	48.000	48.550	48.675	193.950

Kim Jacob	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	9.650	9.550	9.800	9.750	38.750
@Arkansas	—	9.800	9.850	9.800	—
Boise State	9.700	9.750	9.750	<b>9.875</b>	39.075
@Metroplex Challenge	9.775	—	9.250	9.775	—
@Florida	9.725	—	9.850	9.850	—
Auburn	9.725e	—	9.850	9.800	—
Kentucky	—	9.675e	9.825	—	—
@Georgia	—	9.725e	9.900	9.800	—
@Michigan	9.750e	9.150e	9.875	9.825	—
LSU	—	9.100e	9.850	9.750	—
SEC Championship	—	—	9.900	<b>9.875</b>	—
NCAA Regional	—	9.800	9.900	9.800	—
NCAA Champs-Semis	9.800	<b>9.825</b>	9.875	9.850	39.350
NCAA Champs-Super 6	<b>9.825</b>	9.800	<b>9.950</b>	9.850	<b>39.425</b>
NCAA Champs-Ind.	—	—	9.8125	—	—
Career Best	<b>9.825</b>	<b>9.825</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>9.875</b>	<b>39.425</b>

Megan Mashburn	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
@Arkansas	9.750e	—	—	—	—
Boise State	9.675e	—	—	—	—
Kentucky	9.700e	—	—	—	—
@Georgia	9.675e	—	—	—	—
LSU	9.625e	—	—	—	—
Career Best	9.825	—	9.775	—	—

Diandra Milliner	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	9.900	9.700	—	9.850	—
@Arkansas	9.925	—	—	9.850	—
Boise State	9.925	—	9.775	9.875	—
@Metroplex Challenge	9.300	—	<b>9.875</b>	9.875	—
@Florida	9.850	—	9.700	9.900	—
Auburn	9.925	—	9.825	9.875	—
Kentucky	9.850	<b>9.825</b>	9.850	<b>9.925</b>	<b>39.450</b>
@Georgia	9.875	—	—	—	—
@Michigan	9.950	—	—	9.725	—
LSU	<b>9.975</b>	9.750e	9.700	<b>9.925</b>	—
SEC Championship	9.875	9.775	9.750	9.750	39.150
NCAA Regional	9.875	—	9.850	9.850	—
NCAA Champs-Semis	9.725	—	9.775	9.850	—
NCAA Champs-Super 6	9.950	—	<b>9.875</b>	9.875	—
Career Best	<b>9.975</b>	<b>9.825</b>	<b>9.875</b>	<b>9.925</b>	<b>39.450</b>

Jordan Moore	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	—	9.750e	—	—	—
@Arkansas	—	9.725	—	—	—
Boise State	—	9.725e	—	—	—
@Metroplex Challenge	—	9.875e	—	—	—
@Florida	—	9.775	—	—	—
Auburn	—	<b>9.900</b>	—	—	—
Career Best	—	<b>9.900</b>	—	—	—

Ashley Sledge	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	9.875	9.850	9.875e	—	—
@Arkansas	9.875	9.200	<b>9.625</b>	—	—
Boise State	9.875	9.875	9.175	—	—
@Metroplex Challenge	9.900	<b>9.925</b>	—	—	—
@Florida	9.825	9.825	—	9.800	—
Auburn	9.825	9.900	—	9.700	—
Kentucky	9.775	9.900	—	<b>9.900</b>	—
@Georgia	<b>9.925</b>	9.850	9.825e	9.825	—
@Michigan	9.875	9.825	9.425e	9.175	—
LSU	9.900	9.900	—	9.850	—
SEC Championship	9.875	9.850	—	<b>9.900</b>	—
NCAA Regional	9.775	9.850	—	9.850	—
NCAA Champs-Semis	9.900	9.850	—	9.850	—
NCAA Champs-Super 6	<b>9.925</b>	9.850	—	9.800	—
NCAA Champs-Ind.	9.7938	—	—	—	—
Career Best	<b>9.925</b>	<b>9.925</b>	<b>9.625</b>	<b>9.900</b>	—

Geralen Stack-Eaton	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	—	—	9.825	—	—
@Arkansas	<b>9.925</b>	9.225	9.325	—	—
Boise State	9.850	9.875	9.900	—	—
@Metroplex Challenge	9.875	9.850	9.900	9.850	39.475
@Florida	9.825	9.300	9.875	9.825	38.825
Auburn	9.800	9.875	9.750	9.900	39.325
Kentucky	9.875	<b>9.925</b>	9.925	<b>9.950</b>	<b>39.675</b>
@Georgia	<b>9.925</b>	<b>9.925</b>	9.925	9.875	39.650
@Michigan	9.875	9.875	9.900	—	—
LSU	9.875	<b>9.925</b>	9.825	—	—
SEC Championship	9.900	9.600	9.925	9.925	39.350
NCAA Regional	9.825	9.825	<b>9.950</b>	9.850	39.450
NCAA Champs-Semis	9.900	9.900	9.675	9.925	39.400
NCAA Champs-Super 6	9.850	9.825	9.875	9.925	39.475
NCAA Champs-Ind.	9.7938	9.200	—	9.9375	—
Career Best	<b>9.925</b>	<b>9.925</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>39.675</b>

Rachel Terry	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Penn State	—	9.600	—	—	—
Boise State	—	<b>9.800</b>	—	9.275	—
@Metroplex Challenge	—	<b>9.800</b>	—	9.825	—
@Florida	—	9.275	—	9.800	—
Auburn	—	<b>9.800</b>	—	—	—
Kentucky	—	9.450	—	<b>9.850</b>	—
@Georgia	—	9.750	—	9.725	—
@Michigan	—	9.775	—	9.775	—
LSU	—	9.775	—	—	—
Career Best	<b>9.900</b>	<b>9.875</b>	—	<b>9.850</b>	—

Hannah Toussaint	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
@Arkansas	—	—	—	9.525e	—
Boise State	—	—	9.750e	<b>9.875</b>	—
@Metroplex Challenge	—	—	9.825e	—	—
@Florida	—	—	9.775e	—	—
Auburn	—	—	9.125e	—	—
Kentucky	—	—	9.800e	—	—
@Georgia	—	—	<b>9.875</b>	—	—
@Michigan	—	—	9.675	—	—
LSU	—	—	9.725e	—	—
Career Best	—	—	<b>9.875</b>	<b>9.875</b>	—





## TRAVELING IN STYLE WITH THE CRIMSON TIDE

Oh, the places they'll go! An Alabama gymnast will travel far and wide during her Crimson Tide tenure and will get there in style. Alabama travels to the vast majority of its competitions by charter plane, keeping time away from home to a minimum. Chartering also allows Sarah Patterson to adjust departure times to best accommodate her athletes' class schedule.

Nothing brings a team together like time on the road. Time on the plane is spent studying, reading, listening to music and watching DVDs. Time is also spent chatting, singing and generally having a good time.

And just to make sure everything runs smoothly on a trip, a laminated travel card is handed out before the Tide sets off for the Tuscaloosa Airport, detailing the schedule, what to wear and other important information.

During the regular season, once the plane touches down, a bus comes plane-side to pick the Tide up and take them to the hotel. The team then makes its way to a team dinner, usually at a well-known local restaurant that has the kind of variety where the gymnasts, coaches and staff can sample local cuisine or personal favorites.

Back at the hotel after dinner, everyone goes their own way, some back to their room to study or chat, some gathering in one room or another to watch a movie.

Breakfast usually finds everyone on their own, after which



there is a trip to the mall arranged for those who want to hit the shops.

Team lunch starts the pre-meet ritual, with the Tide taking over a section of a local restaurant or having the meal catered at the hotel. After the competition the bus takes Alabama back to the airport, where the charter plane stands ready to whisk them back to Tuscaloosa.

On longer trips, especially during the postseason, Alabama travels with its massage therapist,

allowing them to get massages in preparation for competition.

While many trips find the Tide flying in and out of town for a meet, the trips are sometimes stretched to accommodate some exploring.

For three of the last six years, trips to the West Coast have allowed Alabama to see the sites, including stops in San Francisco, for cable car rides and wandering around Fisherman's Wharf, and Los Angeles with tours of Hollywood.

The gymnasts aren't the only ones hitting the road for away meets. The Tide has a dedicated group of family, friends and fans that follow them from one end of the country to the other. There is never a meet that doesn't see some crimson and white clad fans in the stands. And for those that can't make it to an away meet, the Tide is the only school in the country whose home and away meets are broadcast on the radio and online as well.





# 2012 OPPONENTS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Georgia

- Friday, Jan. 13  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
7:30 p.m.

**Nickname:** Gym Dogs  
**Colors:** Red and Black  
**Head Coach:** Jay Clark  
**Media Contact:** Ben Beatty  
phone: 706.542.1621  
e-mail: bbeaty@sports.uga.edu  
**Website:** georgiadogs.com

## Penn State

- Saturday, Jan. 21  
University Park, Pa.  
7 p.m.

**Nickname:** Nittany Lions  
**Colors:** Blue and White  
**Head Coach:** Jeff Thompson  
**Media Contact:** Susan Bedsworth  
Phone: 814.865.1757  
e-mail: sjb5001@psu.edu  
**Website:** gopsusports.com

## Michigan State

- Saturday, Jan. 21  
University Park, Pa.  
7 p.m.

**Nickname:** Spartans  
**Colors:** Green and White  
**Head Coach:** Kathie Klages  
**Media Contact:** Vince Baker  
phone: 517.355.2271  
e-mail: bakervin@ath.msu.edu  
**Website:** msuspartans.com

## Auburn

- Friday, Jan. 27  
Auburn, Ala.  
7 p.m.

**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Colors:** Blue and Orange  
**Head Coach:** Jeff Graba  
**Media Contact:** Janelle Finley  
phone: 344.844.9900  
e-mail: jmf0018@auburn.edu  
**Website:** auburntigers.com

## Florida

- Friday, Feb. 3  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
7:30 p.m.

**Nickname:** Gators  
**Colors:** Orange and Blue  
**Head Coach:** Rhonda Faehn  
**Media Contact:** Mary Howard  
phone: 352.375.4683 xt: 6110  
e-mail: Maryh@gators.uaa.ufl.edu  
**Website:** gatorzone.com

## Kentucky

- Friday, Feb. 10  
Lexington, Ky.  
7 p.m.

**Nickname:** Wildcats  
**Colors:** Blue and White  
**Head Coach:** Tim Garrison  
**Media Contact:** Evan Crane  
phone: 859.257.8431  
e-mail: wecran2@uky.edu  
**Website:** UKAthletics.com

## Arkansas

- Friday, Feb. 17  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
7:30 p.m.

**Nickname:** Razorbacks  
**Colors:** Red and White  
**co-Head Coaches:**  
Mark and Rene Cook  
**Media Contact:** Robby Edwards  
phone: 479.575.2751  
e-mail: redwards@uark.edu  
**Website:** arkansasrazorbacks.com

## LSU

- Friday, Feb. 24  
Baton Rouge, La.  
7 p.m.

**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Colors:** Purple and Gold  
**Head Coach:** D-D Breaux  
**Media Contact:** Jake Terry  
phone: 225.578.8226  
e-mail: jterry9@lsu.edu  
**Website:** lsusports.net

## Oklahoma

- Friday, March 2  
Norman, Okla.  
7 p.m.

**Nickname:** Sooners  
**Colors:** Crimson and Cream  
**Head Coach:** K.J. Kindler  
**Media Contact:** Leslie Koch  
phone: 405.325.8413  
e-mail: lesali@ou.edu  
**Website:** soonersports.com

## Missouri

- Saturday, March 9  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
7:30 p.m.

**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Colors:** Old Gold and Black  
**Head Coach:** Rob Drass  
**Media Contact:** Paige Fredrickson  
phone: 573.882.5773  
e-mail: paf4z3@mail.mizzou.edu  
**Website:** mutigers.com

## North Carolina

- Friday, March 16  
Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
7:30 p.m.

**Nickname:** Tar Heels  
**Colors:** Carolina Blue and White  
**Head Coach:** Derek Galvin  
**Media Contact:** Kevin Best  
phone: 919.962.2123  
e-mail: kbest@uncaa.unc.edu  
**Website:** tarheelblue.com

## SEC Championships

- Saturday, March 19  
Birmingham, Ala.  
4 p.m.

**Location:** Duluth, Ga.  
**Media Contact:** Chuck Dunlap  
phone: 205.458.3010  
e-mail: cdunlap@secsports.org  
**Website:** secsports.com

## NCAA Regional Championships

- Saturday, April 7  
TBA  
6 p.m.

**Location:**  
Auburn, Ala. (Auburn Arena)  
Champaign, Ill. (Assembly Hall)  
Fayetteville, Ark. (Barnhill Arena)  
Raleigh, N.C. (Reynolds Coliseum)  
Salt Lake City, Utah (Huntsman Center)  
Seattle, Wa. (Bank of America Arena)  
**Website:** ncaa.com

## NCAA Championships

- April 20-22  
Duluth, Ga.  
TBA

**Location:** Duluth, Ga.  
**Media Contact:** Laurie Cannon  
phone: 317.917.6547  
e-mail: lcannon@ncaa.org  
**Website:** ncaa.com



# CRIMSON TIDE HISTORY: A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE - A LEGACY OF CHAMPIONS

*It started quietly. The University of Alabama's brand-new gymnastics squad, under the direction, that first year, of Riki Sutton, came together in the fall of 1974 and would compete for the first time in January of 1975. That first team finished third at the state championships and sixth at the regionals. Through the first four seasons of the program there are four different coaches and no winning seasons, and there is talk about discontinuing the program. That talk will come to an abrupt halt soon though, because things are about to get better for the young program, much, much better.*

*In the summer of 1978, "Grease" reigned at the box office and ABBA's "Take a Chance on Me" filled dance floors coast to coast. "Laverne and Shirley" was the most popular TV series on the air, though it was in re-runs. It's the summer of 1978 and things are about to turn around for the Crimson Tide because Sarah Patterson has said yes.*

She didn't ask about salary, or facilities or equipment. When the letter came asking if she would be Alabama's head coach, Patterson, all of 22 years old and just out of Slippery Rock State College, gave the Crimson Tide an emphatic and unequivocal yes.

Her first move as Alabama's coach was to hire David Patterson, coming out of his freshman year as a Crimson Tide diver, as an assistant coach. The couple, married in 1984, then turned to the task at hand, taking a team without a winning season and creating a juggernaut that has

performed at the highest conceivable level for three decades.

A fast 33 years later, "Dancing with the Stars", "American Idol" and "Modern Family" are keeping everyone glued to the TV set while the last Harry Potter movie reigns supreme at the box office. On the radio, the ladies rule the chart with Adele, Katy Perry, Lady Gaga and Taylor Swift topping the music charts. And 2012 finds the little program that couldn't quite find its feet before Sarah and David Patterson came along, has won five NCAA Championships, seven Southeastern Conference crowns, 26 NCAA Regional titles, 22 individual NCAA Championships and earned 261 All-American honors.

The adventures along the way came fast and furious. Sarah found herself explaining to her boss Paul "Bear" Bryant, the Tide's legendary football coach and athletics director, why a wrestling mat with a hole in the middle wouldn't do as a floor exercise mat.

"Once I explained what we needed," Sarah Patterson said, "Coach Bryant told Coach (Sam) Bailey (Bryant's right hand man administratively) to get us what we needed. Coach Bryant wanted all our sports to be winners and he was willing to provide us with the tools."

And the facilities that Sarah hadn't asked about when taking the job, started as Foster Auditorium, where the Tide shared its practice space with the volleyball team.

"It was interesting," David Patterson said. "Every once in a while you'd have a stray volleyball come zinging through practice. Before every practice we'd have to set up all the equipment and the mats and at the end of every practice we'd have to break it all down again."

Things progressed quickly though. Their first season, Sarah and David scoured the dorms on campus looking for anyone with tumbling experience, just so they could fill their lineup. They were though, doing some far more important recruiting farther afield.

In signing their first class, Sarah and David made one basic promise to their recruits. They promised the freshmen of 1980 that they would go to the National Championships.

"The first real defining moment of our program was the first year we went to NCAAs," Sarah said. "Our first recruiting class was in their senior year. We had promised them that we would make it to NCAAs. In their junior year, we finished 11th, and they took 10 teams. At the end of 1982, we all knew that we had one year to fulfill our commitment to these ladies. Seeing it happen their senior year, making it to the NCAA Championships — I couldn't have been prouder."

One promise fulfilled and another goal on the horizon. Sarah and David built their program, almost from scratch on the simple premise that Alabama would develop the whole person instead of just the athlete. From the beginning,

Patterson-coached student-athletes excelled not just in the gym, but also in the classroom. And beyond that, they developed lives outside of both. By the mid-1980s, Sarah and David Patterson began to wonder if their system would take the Tide to a national championship. They began to wonder if the Tide could truly have the best of all worlds.

The answer came as another emphatic yes in 1988 when the Tide won its first Southeastern Conference and NCAA Championships.

"Before '88, I think sometimes we looked back and said, 'Maybe you can't have this philosophy of developing the whole person and be number one.' When we won, it was a validation of that philosophy. We could do it this way and be successful on all fronts. We may not win every year, but we will be successful."

And just to prove that '88 was no fluke, the Pattersons led the Tide to NCAA titles in 1991, 1996, 2002 and 2011.

Everything else has progressed as well. Alabama is one of the nation's top academic teams too, earning a national best 12 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and over 229 SEC Academic Honor Roll honors. And long gone are the days of stray volleyballs flying through practice. Since 1996, the Tide has trained in a state-of-the-art practice facility dedicated to gymnastics alone.

The fan base has grown by leaps and bounds. Alabama gymnastics is one of the top draws in women's collegiate athletics, averaging a school and SEC record 13,786 fans in 2010 and ranked second in the nation for all women's sports last season. That wasn't always the case though.

"In the early days we'd have three dozen people and two dozen would be Ann Wood's family and friends," Sarah Patterson said.

Most importantly to the Pattersons is that the student-athletes who helped turn Alabama into a national powerhouse have themselves developed into outstanding women making a difference in the world around them. The Tide's all-time roster is filled with doctors, lawyers, mothers and executives all excelling at the highest level.

"We are so proud of all the ladies who have come through our program and every championship won and every honor earned," Sarah Patterson said. "But more than anything, we are proud of the tremendously rich and full lives they go on to lead after graduation. To have been a small part of their success is a great thrill."

That attitude has created more than one of the nation's best overall athletic programs, it has built a family that stretches back to the class of 1979 and up through the freshmen of 2012. And that attitude gives credence to another top-song from 1978 by Sister Sledge, one that sums up the first 33 years of Alabama gymnastics under Sarah and David Patterson. "We are family ... I got all my sisters and me..."

# GREAT MOMENTS IN ALABAMA GYMNASTICS HISTORY

Every year, athletics directors around the country select the nation's top senior student-athletes, regardless of gender or NCAA division and honor them with the NCAA Today's Top VIII award. On **November 1, 2011**, the NCAA announces that Kayla Hoffman is the fourth Crimson Tide gymnast to earn the award, which recognizes senior student-athletes who have completed their athletic eligibility for their success in competition, in the classroom and in the community.



On her way to being one of the most decorated student-athletes in Alabama history, Kayla Hoffman adds SEC Female Athlete of the Year honors to her resume on **June 28, 2011**. She is the fifth Crimson Tide gymnast and sixth Alabama athlete to earn the award.



Already named the Bryant Award Winner, given annually to the athletic department's top student-athlete, the SEC Gymnast of the Year, the SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year and the NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year, Kayla Hoffman adds to her growing list of honors on **June 9, 2011**, when she not only earns First Team Academic All-American honors, but is also honored as the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year. Hoffman is the second Alabama gymnast to earn the accolade, joining 2004 honoree Stephanie Kite.



On **October 22, 2011**, Sarah and David Patterson take a team to midfield at halftime of an Alabama football game to receive a championship ring for the 10th time. The duo have led Alabama to five NCAA Championships and seven Southeastern Conference titles, including the national, conference and regional 'triple crown' in 1988 and 2011.



Kayla Hoffman reaps the rewards of a truly remarkable senior season when she is named the 2011 Honda Award winner on **April 27, 2011**. She is the sixth UA gymnast to win the honor that goes to the nation's best gymnast each year.



An extraordinary weekend in Cleveland, Ohio turns golden all over again on **April 17, 2011**, when Gerald Stack-Eaton follows up the Crimson Tide's team win the day before with the NCAA Floor Exercise Championship. It is the junior's fourth post-season title of the year and Alabama's 22nd individual national title.



Alabama continues its stranglehold on the NCAA's newest award, when Rachel Terry wins the Elite 88 Award, given annually to the student-athlete at the NCAA Championships with the highest cumulative grade point average on **April 14, 2011**. Crimson Tide student-athletes own the first two honors, with Terry following 2010 senior Kassie Price.

# GREAT MOMENTS IN ALABAMA GYMNASTICS HISTORY



Alabama goes into the final rotation of the NCAA Championships leading UCLA by the slightest of margins and comes out on the other side as national champions on **April 16, 2011** in Cleveland, Ohio. Alabama starts the meet with the highest scoring vault rotation of the day and finishes things off with the highest floor exercise score of the day led by junior Geralen Stack-Eaton's 9.925 and senior Kayla Hoffman's 9.95, the two highest floor scores of the meet. Leading the Bruins by just .025 going into the last rotation, Alabama ends up winning by more than a quarter of a point, posting a 197.650, its second highest score of the season, to UCLA's 197.375. In addition to giving Alabama its fifth NCAA title, the victory, coming on the heels of UA's Southeastern Conference and NCAA Regional titles, also caps the Tide's second-ever championship "triple crown." Seven UA gymnasts earn 13 All-American honors led by Stack-Eaton's four honors and Hoffman's three. Freshman Kim Jacob earns a pair of All-American honors while sophomores Marissa Gutierrez and Ashley Sledge as well as rookies Sarah DeMeo and Diandra Milliner all earn one each. Seniors Alyssa Chapman and Megan Mashburn, juniors Rachel Terry and Ashley Priess, sophomore Becca Alexin and freshmen Olivia Carisella, Ria Domier, Lindsey Fowler, Jordan Moore and Hannah Toussaint are also part of Alabama's championship team.



On **March 19, 2011**, Kayla Hoffman kicks her senior season into high gear when she becomes the first student-athlete in league history to win both SEC Gymnast of the Year and the SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in the same season.



On **March 19, 2011**, for the second time in three years and seventh time overall, the Alabama Crimson Tide holds the Southeastern Conference Championship trophy aloft. Starting on the uneven bars, Alabama got better with every rotation and was led by junior Geralen Stack-Eaton, who won the balance beam and floor exercise titles, and senior Kayla Hoffman, who won the vault title with a 9.95. In addition to Stack-Eaton and Hoffman, who both earned first-team All-SEC honors, sophomores Marissa Gutierrez and Ashley Sledge both earn second team honors while rookies Sarah DeMeo, Kim Jacob and Diandra Milliner earn both second team and freshman All-SEC accolades. Seniors Alyssa Chapman and Megan Mashburn, juniors Rachel Terry and Ashley Priess, sophomore Becca Alexin and freshmen Olivia Carisella, Ria Domier, Lindsey Fowler, Jordan Moore and Hannah Toussaint round out the Tide's championship roster.

It started as an idea. Sarah Patterson, in the winter of 2004, wanted to find a way to use the platform the Alabama gymnastics team had, including its 10,000-plus fans per meet, to make a difference in the lives of women in the West Alabama Community. From that idea, the Crimson Tide's Power of Pink initiative was born as a way to help raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer. Over 13,000 fans came to that first meet, followed by an Alabama and SEC record 15,162 fans the next year. That second meet also saw the first check presentation to the Alabama Gymnastics/DCH Breast Cancer Fund - \$90,000. A fast five years later, the proceeds of the 2010 Tuscaloosa Toyota/DCH Foundation Golf Classic and the fifth Nite on the Green fundraisers in October push the DCH Breast Cancer Fund to a major milestone which is celebrated on **Feb. 19, 2011**, when prior to the start of the seventh annual Power of Pink meet, in front of 14,000-plus cheering fans, a check for \$1 million dollars, representing the total raised for the DCH Breast Cancer Fund since its inception, is presented to the DCH Foundation.







It has become such a Crimson Tide habit that it's doubtful that many fans noticed when on **April 10, 2010**, Alabama passed another milestone, winning its 25th NCAA Regional title. On the way to the victory, which propelled the Tide to its 28th consecutive NCAA Championship appearance, UA gymnasts swept the individual events with sophomores Geralen Stack-Eaton and Ashley Priess taking first and second respectively in the all-around. The Tide's regional title total ranks as the best in the nation. Only four times since NCAA competition began in 1982, has Alabama not won a regional team title and all four times the Tide was second.

Forged in the fire of a tough regular season, Alabama's team starts to peak at just the right time and on **March 21, 2009**, with a total team performance, Alabama wins its sixth Southeastern Conference Championship. The Crimson Tide starts the meet off in Nashville, Tenn. with the best vault score of the meet and never lets up, finishing off with a 197.300, beating second place Georgia by nearly four-tenths of a point. Junior Morgan Dennis opens the meet by winning the SEC vault title and finishes off the Tide's title with a win on the floor exercise. She earns All-SEC honors for the third year in a row. Junior Ricki Lebegern, sophomore Kayla Hoffman and freshman Ashley Priess all earn second team All-SEC honors while UA rookies Priess, Geralen Stack-Eaton and Caitlin Sullivan make up more than half of the Freshman All-SEC list. Seniors Brittany Magee, Amanda Montgomery and Ashley O'Neal, juniors Alyssa Chapman, Casey Overton, Kass Price and Jacqueline Shealy, sophomore Megan Mashburn along with freshmen Jocelyn Fowler, Erika Pearson and Rachel Terry all do their part to bring home the big trophy to Tuscaloosa.



Kassi Price, who earned countless academic honors during her Crimson Tide career, took home the inaugural NCAA Elite 88 Award on **April 24, 2010**. The honor, which Sarah Patterson called the culminating honor of Price's career, is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 88 championships. Price received the award at the NCAA Championship Awards Brunch, during which she was also recognized with her third uneven bars All-American honor.

In another first, Kassi Price becomes the first Alabama student-athlete to earn a place on the prestigious CoSIDA Academic All-American At-Large Team three times in a career when she is again named to the first team on **May 20, 2010**. The at-large team spans 13 women's sports including bowling, rowing, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming and diving, tennis and water polo.

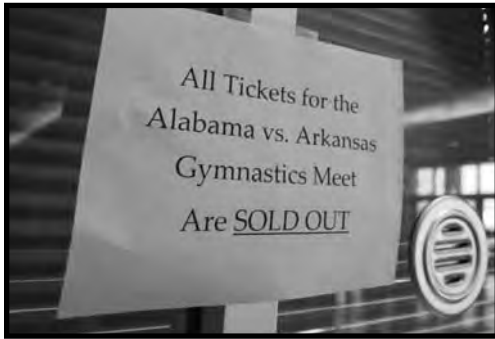


Being first is not new to Barbara Mack Harding. As an Alabama gymnast in the early '80s, she was the first, and to date only, freshman to be chosen captain of a Sarah Patterson coached team. She also led Alabama to its first NCAA Championship appearance as a sophomore in 1983. She was also among Alabama's first All-Americans and NCAA Regional and SEC Champions. And on **September 6, 2008**, she led the way again, becoming the first female to be honored with the Paul W. Bryant Alumni-Athlete Award, which recognizes those outstanding alumni whose accomplishments since leaving the Capstone represent excellence in the areas of character, contributions to society, professional achievement and service to their community. It wasn't the first time that Harding was honored with an award bearing the name of Alabama's legendary football coach, who won six national championships with the Crimson Tide during his 25-year Alabama career. She was the inaugural winner of the Paul W. Bryant Scholar-Athlete Award as a senior in 1985.



One of the greatest legacies in collegiate sports continues when on **July 1, 2007**, Sarah and David Patterson begin their 30th year coaching the Alabama gymnastics team. They are the longest tenured coaching duo in Alabama athletics history and own four NCAA Championships and 25 consecutive NCAA Championship appearances. Their success, which shows no signs of abating, is legendary.

# GREAT MOMENTS IN ALABAMA GYMNASTICS HISTORY



When Alabama sold out its 2008 meeting with Georgia, it was exciting, but nothing new. The Tide has sold out one meet each of the two previous seasons and three times prior to the '08 season, but on **Feb. 8, 2008**, the Crimson Tide once again made history selling out its second meet in as many weeks with 15,075 on hand to see Alabama take on Arkansas. The Tide, one of only two schools to draw more than 12,000 for a single meet, becomes the first program in collegiate gymnastics history to have 15,000-plus fans at two meets in a single season.



Doing the amazing is nothing new for Ashley Miles, and so no one is surprised when on **March 25, 2006**, she becomes the first gymnast in Southeastern Conference history to win the same event four years in a row when she takes home the SEC floor exercise title. She finishes her career with 20 individual postseason titles, including four NCAA championships, six SEC titles and 10 NCAA Regional championships.

Alabama capped the 2007 season with a pair of individual NCAA Championships on **April 26, 2007**, when junior Terin Humphrey and freshman Morgan Dennis take home the nation's top prize on the uneven bars and floor exercise respectively. Humphrey, who also won the 2005 NCAA Uneven Bars titles, is the sixth Tide gymnast to win multiple national championships. Dennis is also the fifth Alabama gymnast to win an NCAA title as a rookie. It is the sixth year in a row that Alabama has won at least one individual NCAA title.



They came to support Sarah Patterson's Power of Pink initiative and they came in droves and they brought their friends, and on **January 20, 2006**, for only the second time in school history, an Alabama gymnastics meet sells out, drawing a Southeastern Conference and Alabama record 15,162 fans to Coleman Coliseum. It is the largest collegiate gymnastics crowd in the nation since 1993 and the third largest all-time. Everyone at the UA-Florida gymnastics meet, both teams included, wears pink in support of "Drive 4 the Cause". The meet raises awareness and money for the fight against breast cancer.

Already a legend, Ashley Miles secures her legacy on **April 22, 2006**, by winning her third NCAA vault championship, making her only the second gymnast in NCAA history, and first in over twenty years, to win a trio of vault titles. She finished her career with four individual national titles, tying her for third in NCAA history.

On **May 3, 2006**, Ashley Miles wins Alabama's sixth Honda Award, capping a senior season that includes her fourth NCAA title with the national gymnast of the year award. A month later she becomes a top-5 finalist for the Honda-Broderrick Cup, given annually to the nation's top female athletes. She receives her Honda Award in front of 92,000-plus fans at half time of a UA football game.



On **October 29, 2005**, Michelle Reeser caps off her Crimson Tide career by being honored at the NCAA Woman of the Year Banquet in Indianapolis. She is the fourth Alabama gymnast to be named a top-10 finalist for the honor and the ninth to be honored as a state winner. As a senior, Reeser earned All-American honors on the balance beam and was named the SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

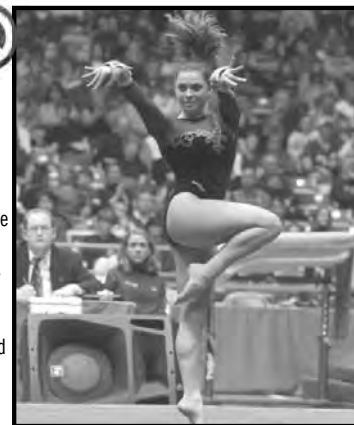


Ashley Miles had scored other 10s, and she'd even scored 10s at the NCAA Championships before, but none were as dramatic as her back-to-back 10s on **April 22, 2005** during the NCAA Super Six Team finals when the San Antonio, Texas native posts perfect marks on the floor exercise and vault, leading Alabama to a second place team finish.

On August 22, 2004, freshman-to-be Terin Humphrey, who had already helped guide the United States to a silver medal in the team competition at the 2004 Athens Olympics, earns a silver of her own on the uneven bars. When she joins the Crimson Tide on Dec. 26, 2004 after traveling with the T.J. Maxx Tour of Champions through the fall, she becomes the Tide's first Olympian and first Olympic Medalist. She keeps things rolling along in that first season with the Tide, winning the NCAA Uneven Bars Championship.



Jeana Rice won six post-season titles as a senior, including a clean sweep of the Southeastern Conference, NCAA West Regional and NCAA All-Around Championships and finished her career with an NCAA record 18 All-American honors. For all that she accomplished, on April 23, 2004, Rice was named the 2004 Honda Award Winner given annually to the nation's best gymnast. It marked the fifth time an Alabama gymnast earned that recognition. She was also named SEC "Athlete of the Year" by the conference's athletics directors.



On April 17, 2004, Ashley Miles became the first Crimson Tide gymnast to defend an NCAA Vault title. And for good measure, she threw in the NCAA Floor Exercise title as well. Miles became the first Alabama gymnast to win two different NCAA apparatus titles in the same season. In addition to winning the NCAA Floor Exercise crown, Miles repeated as SEC and NCAA Regional floor exercise champion.



Not only will Kristin Sterner graduate with three championship rings, including one for the 2002 NCAA Championship and one each for the 2000 and 2003 Southeastern Conference titles, but she will also earn 11 All-American honors, serve as the Tide's captain as a junior and senior and post a 3.9 grade point average in biology during her stand-out career. Such excellence is recognized on May 29, 2003, when she is named the Southeastern Conference's Scholar-Athlete of the Year. It marks the third time in school history that an Alabama gymnast has earned this award with Sterner joining Julie Estin (1987) and Meredith Willard (1997). Sterner will also earn the prestigious NCAA Top VIII award, making her the third Alabama gymnast to do, joining Willard (1997) and Andréé Pickens (2002).



In a show of overwhelming generosity, businessman Steve Smith made a \$1 million gift to the Crimson Tradition Fund in honor of his mother, a life-long Alabama fan who "never misses a home gymnastics meet." In honor of his donation, The University of Alabama gymnastics Practice Facility, part of the Coleman Coliseum Annex, was dedicated the "Frances Smith Gymnastics Practice Facility" on November 5, 2004.



On January 12, 2003, Andréé Pickens caps a career that is second to none with the most prestigious award given by the NCAA. The 14-time All-American and two-time NCAA Champion is chosen as one of the NCAA Today's Top VIII, an award that spans both men and women as well as all sports and divisions of the NCAA. Not only is Pickens chosen for this award, she is also asked to give the keynote address, giving a speech that brings those gathered at the NCAA Convention to their feet.



On March 8, 2003, Sarah Patterson is inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. She is just the sixth woman ever elected to the hall and the first female coach. "It's my name they're going to call out,"



Sarah Patterson said of the honor. "But as anybody who has followed our program knows, it is honoring what David and I have accomplished together." The induction comes on the heels of the Tide's fourth NCAA Championship under the Pattersons and Sarah Patterson being named National Coach of the Year for a fourth time. It precedes Alabama winning its fifth SEC Championship under the Pattersons and posting its 14th top-3 finish at the NCAA Championships, where the Tide finishes second.

# GREAT MOMENTS IN ALABAMA GYMNASTICS HISTORY



After wowing fans throughout the season with her soaring vaults, on **April 26, 2003**, freshman Ashley Miles impresses the toughest crowd of all by winning the Crimson Tide's first national vault crown, scoring a 10.0 on her first vault and a 9.875 on her second to secure the NCAA Championship in Lincoln, Neb. Miles had already scored two 10.0s in NCAA Championship competition, winning the NCAA Central Region floor exercise title with a perfect mark and scoring a 10.0 during the first night of the NCAA team competition.

Andréé Pickens wins her second NCAA Championship and the 13th in Alabama history **April 20, 2002**. It is her 12th routine in three days and the Houston, Texas native is exhausted, but she finds the energy for one more routine, the last of her career, and makes it count. The 14-time All-American and winner of both the AAI American Award and the Honda Award for Gymnastics, scores a 9.925 to win. With a tired wave to the crowd which is giving her a standing ovation, Pickens closes out a career that was legendary even before she won the title.

Senior Andréé Pickens has the most dominating performance in Southeastern Conference Championship history on **March 23, 2002**, when she wins four of the five individual titles up for grabs that night at Bartow Arena. Not only is she the first gymnast to win four SEC titles in one year, she also earns her third SEC Gymnast of the Year honor. Pickens is the only gymnast to win the award more than once. She finishes her career with seven SEC titles, including two all-arounds, the SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship and the SEC Athlete of the Year award.

It's **March 15, 2003**, and Alabama wins Southeastern Conference title No. 5 in a competition that comes down to the Tide's last competitor on the last event, clipping second place Georgia 197.275-197.225. Junior Jeana Rice wins the all-around, balance beam and uneven bars and is named SEC Gymnast of the Year, marking the fourth year in a row an Alabama athlete has won the award. Freshman Ashley Miles, whose 9.975 floor exercise routine not only clinches the Tide's title, but wins the event and earns her All-SEC honors as well. Freshman Larissa Stewart posts a career best on the uneven bars, earning second-team All-SEC honors in the process and sophomore Michelle Reeser's leadoff balance beam routine earns her second-team All-SEC honors on that event. Senior Kristin Sterner, juniors Lauren Holdefer and Stephanie Kite, sophomores Alexis Brion and Shannon Hrozek and freshmen Mari Bayer, Rachael Delahoussaye, Dana Filetti, Dana Pierce and Lauren Pruitt all do their part to bring home the big trophy to Tuscaloosa.



Alabama rolls to NCAA Championship No. 4 on **April 19, 2002**, in Coleman Coliseum with a rock solid performance on all four events, especially the balance beam, where the Tide finished off the meet (and all the other teams) for the fourth time in a row. Senior

Andréé Pickens posts the night's top all-around score and earns five All-American honors in leading the Tide to victory. In all, Alabama earns a meet high 14 All-American honors with sophomore Jeana Rice earning three, junior Kristin Sterner and sophomore Alexis Brion taking two a piece while senior Natalie Barrington and freshman Shannon Hrozek earn one each. Seniors Alexa Martinez, Whitney Morgan and Raegan Tomasek, junior Sara Scarborough, sophomores Helen Burgin, Tiffany Byrd, Erin Holdefer, Lauren Holdefer and Stephanie Kite and freshman Michelle Reeser round out the championship roster.



Alabama travels to Gainesville for the 2000 Southeastern Conference Championship and falls into a groove that carries it through a dominating performance to win SEC title No. 3 on **March 18, 2000**. Sophomore Andréé Pickens wins the vault, uneven bars and all-around titles and is named SEC Gymnast of the Year. She and freshman Kristin Sterner earn first-team All-SEC honors, while juniors Katie Hornecker and Dara Stewart (pictured above with their championship rings) along with sophomore Natalie Barrington all earned second-team All-SEC honors. Seniors Lexa Evans and Gina Logan, juniors Robin Hawkins, April Makinson and Lissy Smith, sophomores Krista Gole, Alexa Martinez, Whitney Morgan and Raegan Tomasek and freshman Sara Scarborough round out the championship roster.



In a hint of the career to come, Andree Pickens wins the NCAA Balance Beam Championship as a freshman on **April 24, 1999**, capping a championship where she becomes the first freshman in NCAA history to earn five All-American honors.



Stephanie Woods knew that the uneven bars routine she had just finished had been special, she just wasn't sure if anyone else knew. It was the night of the event finals at the NCAA Championships and she had just completed her routine. But the Austin, Texas, native's feeling about her routine carried over to the judges, who knew they had seen something of championship caliber. On Saturday, **April 27, 1996**, Woods won the NCAA Uneven Bars Championship, etching her name in Crimson legend.



The shine on Meredith Willard's career, in and out of the gym, continues to grow. On **January 11, 1998**, the Clemmons, N.C. native becomes the first Alabama athlete to earn the NCAA's prestigious Top VIII award, given annually to the nation's top eight senior athletes regardless of gender or sport. The award encompasses athletics, academics and character.



She didn't believe it. "Check again," she admonished everyone within her grasp. "There's been some kind of mistake," she told them. She tugged urgently at the sleeve of the nearest meet official, asking him to check, then double check the scores. There had been a mistake, someone else was supposed to be where she was. No mistake, the scores were right. On Thursday, **April 25, 1996**, Meredith Willard, the ultimate team player in a sport filled with individuals, had won the NCAA All-Around Championship.



On Friday, **April 26, 1996**, paced by three individual NCAA Champions and a program record eight All-Americans, the Tide posted an NCAA Super Six record 198.025 to win its third NCAA title, second in the '90s. Senior Kim Kelly and juniors Meredith Willard and Stephanie Woods, all earned individual NCAA titles. Junior Kim Bonaventura, sophomore Merritt Booth, Kelly, sophomore Danielle McAdams, sophomore Shay Murphy, senior Marna Neubauer, Willard and Woods combined to earn 18 All-American honors. Sophomore Heather Nasser and freshmen Mandy Chapman, Lisa Gianni and Gwen Spidle round out Alabama's championship roster.



One fan after another made their way into Coleman Coliseum Saturday, **February 1, 1997**, until finally, just before 7 p.m. and the start of the Alabama-Georgia gymnastics meet, history was made and Alabama gymnastics sold out. A capacity crowd of 15,043 fills Alabama's arena. It is the largest crowd to ever see a women's athletic event in the state of Alabama and the largest crowd to ever see an SEC Gymnastics contest. Alabama's challenge for the record was foiled not by lack of fans, but lack of seats. Reportedly more than 400 fans were turned away from the doors of the Coliseum.



# GREAT MOMENTS IN ALABAMA GYMNASTICS HISTORY



In the final performance of her Crimson Tide career, as the music of her floor routine reached its final beat and tears streamed down her face, Kim Kelly's success-studded career turned golden. The King of Prussia, Penn. native won the 1996 NCAA Floor Exercise Championship in front of the home crowd with a perfect 10.0 and an avalanche of applause. For Kelly, that's how it ended, Saturday, **April 27, 1996**. One last floor routine, perfect in execution - a moment in time - for all time, filled with tears of joy and sadness - and rolls upon rolls of cheers.

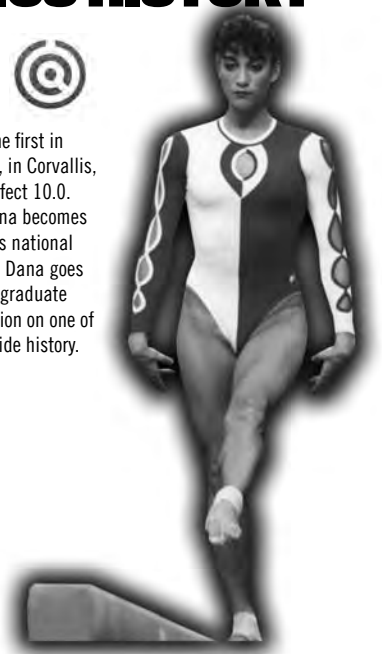


After three rotations of the 1995 Southeastern Conference Championships being held in Gainesville, Fla., the Crimson Tide finds themselves in fourth place with the chance for a third SEC Championship looking bleak. Fortunately, Alabama sees not a chance to give up, but a chance to make history. Alabama soars past Georgia, LSU and Florida on the strength of the best vault total in NCAA history on rotation No. 4 to win the '95 title on **March 25, 1995**. The Tide's 196.175 is just .05 in front of second-place LSU. Alabama counts nothing less than a 9.900 on the way to setting the vault mark. Junior Kim Kelly hits a 10.0 to win the vault. Senior Chasity Junkin and freshman Merritt Booth both turn in career-high 9.975s. Sophomore Stephanie Woods wins the SEC uneven bars title. Junior Marna Neubauer, sophomores Kim Bonaventura and Meredith Willard and freshmen Danielle McAdams, Shay Murphy and Heather Nasser all contribute to bringing SEC title No. 3 home to Tuscaloosa.



The theme of the 1991 NCAA Gymnastics Championships is "Stars Fall on Alabama" and nothing could be closer to the truth as the host Crimson Tide use a slew of talented ladies on **April 19, 1991**, to keep the championship in Tuscaloosa. Alabama's 195.125 total is a new NCAA Championship scoring record. The Tide outdistances second-place Utah by three quarters of a point. Georgia is third followed by Oregon State, Penn State and Florida. Senior Kim Masters, juniors Gina Basile, Katherine Kelleher and Shea McFall, sophomores Dana Dobransky and Dee Foster, and freshman Kara Stilp all earn All-America honors. Senior Tina Rinker and freshmen Keri Duley, Sheryl Dundas, and Marti Watson round out the Tide's hometown championship roster.

No one could say that Dana Dobransky was not a pressure player. Dana wins two NCAA balance beam titles during her legendary Crimson Tide career. The first in 1992 and the second, as a senior, in Corvallis, Ore. on **April 17, 1993**, with a perfect 10.0. With her perfect performance, Dana becomes the first Tide gymnast to repeat as national champion on an individual event. Dana goes on to earn an NCAA and SEC Postgraduate Scholarship, putting an exclamation on one of the greatest careers in Crimson Tide history.



Junior Dee Foster, already a Crimson Tide legend, turns perfect on **March 14, 1992**, during a dual meet with Georgia in Athens, scoring a 10.0 on a vault. Foster will earn eight 10.0s during her storied Tide career — five 10.0s on the vault, one on the uneven bars and two on the floor exercise.



On **May 29, 1990**, Dee Foster became the first freshman in Southeastern Conference history to be named the league's Athlete of the Year. Foster was an obvious choice after winning the NCAA All-Around title with an NCAA record of 39.30 and earning four All-American honors as a rookie. She led Alabama to a second place national finish and the Tide's second SEC Team title.



The Crimson Tide starts the '90s off on the right foot. Alabama marches into the Georgia Coliseum on **March 25, 1990**, and marches out with its second SEC Team title. Alabama finishes more than a point ahead of second-place LSU. The Tide's 193.55 total is a new SEC Championship record. Senior Marie Robbins caps an outstanding career wearing the crimson and white of Alabama by posting the Tide's second-ever SEC all-around title, with a new championship record. That same year, a program-record eight members of the championship squad earn SEC Academic Honor Roll honors and Robbins earns an SEC Postgraduate Scholarship. Seniors Ali Blumberg, Tracey Tillman and Cheri Way, juniors Kim Masters and Tina Rinker, sophomores Gina Basile, Katherine Kelleher and Shea McFall and freshman Dana Dobransky all help bring home the Tide's second SEC trophy.



Eleven gymnasts and a lifetime of dreams come together on **April 22, 1988**, as Alabama wins its first NCAA Team Championship. Alabama scores an NCAA Championship record 190.05 in front of a rowdy handful of Tide faithful in Salt Lake City, Utah. Utah is second followed by UCLA, LSU, Georgia and Florida. The Tide is led by four All-Americans - senior Kathy Bilodeau, sophomores Marie Robbins and Cheri Way and freshman Tina Rinker. Senior Alli Beldon, sophomores Ali Blumberg and Tracey Tillman and freshmen Wendy Anderson, Kim Masters and Susie Pierce round out the Tide's championship roster.



Alabama is at its third NCAA Championship **April 12-13, 1985**, when junior Penney Hauschild explodes into a Crimson Tide legend by winning the NCAA All-Around title in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is the first time that an athlete from Utah fails to win the all-around title. The Pennsylvania native also wins the uneven bars title. Hauschild is the first individual NCAA champion in Alabama gymnastics' history. Hauschild's all-around total is an NCAA Championship Record. Hauschild will win four NCAA titles during her legendary career, repeating as all-around champion in 1986 and adding the floor exercise title to her resume that same year.



Crimson Tide legend Penney Hauschild caps a brilliant Crimson Tide career with her second consecutive Honda Broderick Award on **January 11, 1986**. The Honda Broderick Award is given annually to the nation's best gymnast. Hauschild's career includes two NCAA All-Around championships, an NCAA Uneven Bars title and an NCAA Floor Exercise title. Hauschild earned 10 All-American honors during her fabled career. She earned five NCAA Central Regional titles and one SEC All-Around crown.



Alabama wins its first NCAA Regional title on **March 26, 1983**, earning its first trip to the NCAA Championships which will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, in two weeks. Sarah and David Patterson's first recruiting class helps take the Tide to the top of the South Region, downing the region's until-then dominant team, Florida, the meet's host.



All-American Barbara Mack, a Rhodes Scholarship finalist, the first Alabama gymnast to win the Paul W. Bryant Award, an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winner and a two-time Region Champion, caps a brilliant Crimson Tide career by becoming the first Alabama gymnast to win the AMF American Award on **April 13, 1985**.

Julie Garrett becomes Alabama's first All-American on **April 4, 1982**. Garrett paces the Tide to a fourth-place finish at the 1982 AIAW National Championships before attending the first NCAA Championship as an individual. Undaunted by her first NCAA appearance, Garrett earns All-America recognition on the uneven bars.



No one may have known it at the time, but **July 1, 1978**, marks the start of something extremely special as the Crimson Tide begins its rise toward becoming one of the most successful programs in the history of collegiate athletics as Sarah Campbell becomes Alabama gymnastics' fifth head coach in five years. She immediately hires David Patterson as her assistant coach. The rest, as they say, is history.



History didn't record the first meeting, the first practice or the first vault - those dates are lost in time - but first meet, the first time the University of Alabama put forth a group of young women wearing crimson and white leotards came on **January 10, 1975**. Alabama opens at home, falling to Georgia College 83.75-65.80. And with that, the program that will become one of the most celebrated in collegiate athletics is underway.

# PATTERSON HONORS



*The success Sarah Patterson has enjoyed coaching the Alabama gymnastics team through the years has brought a host of honors her way but there are a handful that stand above all the rest.*

*In 2003, she became the first female coach, and only the sixth woman ever, to be inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. In 2007 she received the highest honor the University of Alabama can bestow when she was named the E. Roger Sayers Distinguished Service Award winner. In 2009, she was named to the USA Gymnastics' Region 8 Hall of Fame. In 2010, she was honored by the Alabama Hospital Association with its Special Citation Award and in 2011 the A-Club created the Sarah Patterson A-Club Scholarship.*

*"I have been fortunate through my career to be honored for what we have achieved here at Alabama," Patterson said. "Each award is special, and each represents a different facet of what we've been able to accomplish."*

## **Patterson A-Club Scholarship - 2011**

Prior to the 2011 Alabama-Auburn gymnastics meet, the A-Club, UA's letterwinners organization, announced the establishment the Sarah Patterson A-Club Scholarship.

"It's certainly a wonderful honor, and while it's my name on the scholarship, it recognizes everything that David and I have been able to accomplish together over the course of our career," Sarah Patterson said. "I can't think of any bigger honor; it's quite humbling."

Several members of the A-Club Executive Committee, including former gymnast Patti Rice Eggers, were on hand for the meet to present a check for \$50,000, representing the A-Club's initial donation to the scholarship. The A-Club's goal is to raise funds to the fully endowed amount of \$300,000.

Naming the scholarship in Patterson's honor was the idea of Ken Wilder, current president of the A-Club. Wilder's motion was approved unanimously in a meeting of the A-Club Executive Committee.

"The A-Club named this scholarship in Coach Patterson's honor because of her long history with the gymnastics program and her tremendous accomplishments as our head coach," Wilder, who lettered in football at the Capstone during the 1960s, said. "Sarah has been such a great asset to our Athletic Department and to the University. She is the last coach that Coach (Paul) Bryant hired. Obviously it's turned out to be a great hire."

## **Alabama Hospital Association's Special Citation - 2010**

Sarah Patterson and David DeSantis, co-owner and general manager of Tuscaloosa Toyota, were honored in June of 2010 by the Alabama Hospital Association (AlaHA) with its Special Citation Award.

"Coach Patterson and Mr. DeSantis are individuals who truly care about the health of our citizens, especially women and the battle against breast cancer," said J. Michael Horsley, president of the Alabama Hospital Association. "They were instrumental in increasing cancer awareness and access to health care among women, particularly in the Tuscaloosa area. We celebrate their dedication to women's health and are pleased to be able to recognize their outstanding service with this award."

Patterson and DeSantis were honored for their work with the



**Sarah Patterson and David DeSantis receive the ALAHA Special Citation from J. Michael Horsley.**

Crimson Tide's Power of Pink initiative which has raised more than \$1.25 million for the DCH Breast Cancer Fund.

The duo received the award at the annual DCH Leadership Forum during which Angel Pittman Burnett, a former club gymnast who succumbed to cancer in October 2009, was honored.

"Angel was a truly remarkable young woman who gave so much to everyone she met," Patterson said. "She came and talked to the team after she was diagnosed with cancer and she was such an inspiration to them, to me and truly to everyone she met. She touched so many people in her short 34 years."

After unveiling a collage that featured Burnett's story, photos, and a piece of art she created about her battle with cancer, Patterson and DeSantis were surprised with AlaHA's Special Citation.

"This is such an unexpected and wonderful honor," Patterson said. "But I don't think there's any doubt that David and I, and everyone involved in the Power of Pink, are inspired and driven to do what we do by people like Angel. She gives focus to all we are trying to accomplish."

## USAG Region 8 Hall of Fame - 2009

When Sarah Patterson was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Region 8 Hall of Fame it is an honor that touched on her entire coaching career.

"David and I have spent our entire professional careers in Region 8 as club and college coaches," she said. "The relationships we've developed over the last 30 years have been pivotal in our careers and our personal life."

The Pattersons, in their 33rd year coaching the Crimson Tide, have led Alabama to four NCAA Championships and an NCAA-best 24 regional titles as well as six Southeastern Conference titles, including the 2009 championship.

"When we won the SEC Championship in 2009, nine of our athletes, over half of our team, came from Region 8," Patterson said. "Without the outstanding coaches and athletes from Region 8, the success we have enjoyed over the years, from the championships to the packed arenas, would never have been possible."

## E. Roger Sayers Distinguished Service Award - 2007

She was stunned when she first found out that she was to receive the E. Roger Sayers Distinguished Service Award, absolutely floored.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I'd be nominated much less be the recipient of the Sayers Award," Patterson said. "That's right up there with being selected to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame."

Created in 1996 by members of the President's Cabinet and the National Alumni Association, the E. Roger Sayers Distinguished Service Award recognizes faculty and exempt administrative personnel who have performed in an exemplary manner to further the mission of the University. It is one of the highest honors bestowed by the University.

What made the award even sweeter for Patterson, beyond what it represented, was that she had worked for Sayers during his tenure as the University's President.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for Dr. Sayers and what he meant to the University," Patterson said. "One of my most memorable moments from any of our championships is of him holding the championship trophy up in one hand and having a look of such satisfaction as he presented it to the team. I have that picture in my office and it is one of my most prized possessions. He had such a sincere appreciation for what we had accomplished and that meant the world to me."

## Alabama Sports Hall of Fame - 2003

As for the Hall of Fame, it came sooner than she thought it would, and to be honest, she wasn't sure it would ever happen.

"I never really thought about making it into the hall much," Sarah Patterson said. "I guess in the back of my mind I thought that if I ever did make it, it would be long after my career was over and you'd have to push me up in my wheelchair."

But her induction into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame came sooner rather than later. Sarah and David Patterson were in the midst of their 25th season coaching the Crimson Tide when the induction ceremony rolled around on March 8, 2003.

"For me, the most important thing to understand is that while it's my name on the plaque, this honor is David's and mine together," she said. "Because everything we've been able to accomplish over the past 25 years, we've done together."



Sarah Patterson at the 2003 Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.



Roger Sayers holds the 1991 NCAA Championship trophy.



Sarah Patterson with several members of the A-Club Executive Committee in 2011.

So on that night, the Pattersons, surrounded by family, friends and supporters, traveled to Birmingham for the induction ceremony where they were surrounded by living reminders of just how much they have accomplished over the years. Many of their former gymnasts made the trip from all over the country for the induction banquet.

"To our student-athletes, past and present, you are the reason I continue to coach," Patterson said during her induction speech. "To see you grow and mature into confident, successful young women - doctors, lawyers, businesswomen and mothers - I stand in awe of your accomplishments in life and feel honored that David and I have been a small part of your success."

Patterson also thanked her staff, both past and present, making special mention of current assistant coach Bryan Raschilla, past assistants Marc Cohen and Scott Mackall and long-time administrative assistant Rita Martin.

"You believed in our dream and shared in our vision for the future," Patterson said. "I am grateful for your loyalty, your support and most of all your friendship."

Among the legends in the hall, Patterson is both worthy and unique. In the history of the ASHoF, among its hundreds of inductees, Patterson is both the first coach of a women's sport and the first female coach. She is only the sixth woman to gain entrance.

# ALABAMA GYMNASTICS HALL OF FAME

## 2011 ALABAMA GYMNASTICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE: KAYLA HOFFMAN

Already a two-time All-American going into her senior year, **Kayla Hoffman** closed out her Crimson Tide career with such a flourish that her final season stands among the very best. Co-captain of Alabama's 2011 NCAA, SEC and Regional Champions, she earned the NCAA Today's Top VIII award and the Honda Award as well as being named the SEC Female Athlete of Year. Those honors came on the heels of the Union, N.J., native earning a trio of All-American honors to push her career total to five as well as winning the SEC Vault Championship to help lead the Tide to its seventh SEC team title. She won four of the five individual NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional titles and was named the NCAA Central Region Gymnast of Year. She also became the first in league history to earn both SEC Gymnast of the Year and SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in the same season. She earned NCAA and SEC Postgraduate Scholarships and was the 2011 Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year.

### Kayla Hoffman | 2011

2011 NCAA Championship team • 2011 and 2009 SEC Championship teams • 2012 NCAA Today's Top VIII Award • 2011 Honda Award • 2011 SEC Female Athlete of the Year • 2011 Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-America of the Year • 2011 NCAA All-Around Runner-up • Five-time All-American • 2011 SEC Gymnast of the Year • 2011 SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year • Seven-time NCAA Regional Champion • 2011 SEC Vault Champion • NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winner • Four-year All-SEC • SEC Postgraduate Scholarship • Four-year Scholastic All-American • 2011 Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American • Four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



### Morgan Dennis 2010

2007 NCAA Floor Exercise Champion • Eight-time All-American • Six-time NCAA Regional Champion • 2009 SEC Championship team • Six-time SEC Champion • Four-year All-SEC • Four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • Two-year team captain



### Ricki Lebegern 2010

Four-time All-American • Four-year Scholastic All-American • 2009 SEC Championship team • Three-time SEC Champion • Four-year All-SEC • Four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • SEC Community Service Team • Team captain



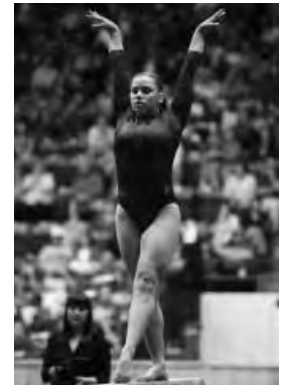
### Casey Overton 2010

All-American • Three-year Scholastic All-American • 2009 SEC Championship team • SEC Champion • All-SEC • Four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



### Kassi Price 2010

Three-time All-American • NCAA Elite 88 Award • NCAA and SEC Postgraduate Scholarships • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year CoSIDA Academic All-American At Large Team • Three-time NCAA Regional Champion • 2009 SEC Championship team • Four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • SEC Community Service Team • Paul W. Bryant Award • Austin Cup



### Brittany Magee 2009

2009 SEC Championship team • All-American • Three-time NCAA Regional Champion • SEC Champion • All-SEC • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll





### **Terin Humphrey 2008**

2005 and 2007 NCAA Uneven Bars Champion • 10-time All-American • Three-time NCAA Regional Champion • SEC Champion • All-SEC • SEC Academic Honor Roll



### **Mari Bayer 2006**

2003 SEC Championship team • Two-time All-American • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



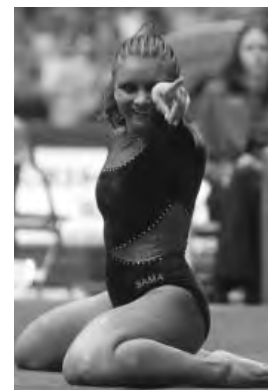
### **Dana Filetti 2006**

2003 SEC Championship team • All-American • SEC Academic Honor Roll



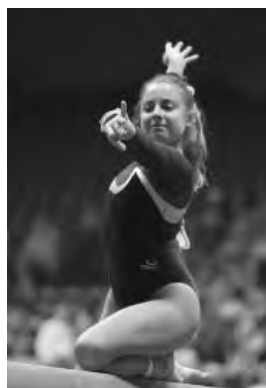
### **Ashley Miles 2006**

2003 SEC Championship team • Four-time NCAA Champion - 2006, 2004, 2003 Vault, 2004 Floor Exercise • 10-time NCAA Regional Champion • 12-time All-American • Honda Award Winner • Six-time SEC Champion - 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003 Floor Exercise, 2005 Vault, 2005 Uneven Bars • Four-year All-SEC • SEC Academic Honor Roll



### **Alexis Brion 2005**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2003 SEC Championship team • Five-time All-American • NCAA Regional Vault Champion



### **Michelle Reeser 2005**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2003 SEC Championship team • NCAA Woman of the Year finalist • All-American • SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • All-SEC



### **Shannon Hrozek 2005**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2003 SEC Championship team • 3-time All-American • NCAA Regional Champion • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Four-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



### **Stephanie Kite 2004**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2003 SEC Championship team • All-American • NCAA Woman of the Year • Four-year Scholastic All-American • CoSIDA Academic All-American At-Large Student-Athlete of the Year • Two-year CoSIDA Academic All-American At-Large First Team • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



### **Jeana Rice 2004**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2003 SEC Championship team • 18-time All-American • NCAA All-Around Champion • Honda Award • SEC Athlete of the Year • SEC Gymnast of the Year • Six-time SEC Champion • Three-year NCAA Regional All-Around Champion • SEC All-Around Record



### **Kristin Sterner 2003**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2000 & 2003 SEC Championship teams • NCAA Today's Top VIII Award • NCAA Woman of the Year finalist • SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship • CoSIDA Academic All-American • 11-time All-American • Four-time NCAA Region Champion • Two-year All-SEC • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll

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## **Natalie Barrington 2002**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2000 SEC Championship team • Three-time All-American • Two-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



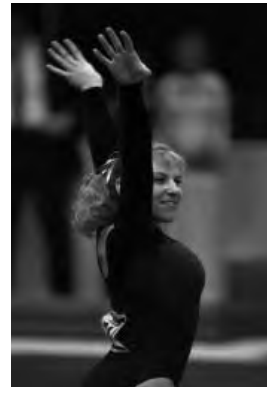
## **Andreé Pickens 2002**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2000 SEC Championship team • 1999 NCAA Balance Beam Champion • 2002 NCAA Uneven Bars Champion • 14-time All-American • Scholastic All-American • State of Alabama NCAA Woman of the Year • SEC Postgraduate Scholarship • NCAA Today's Top VIII Award • Honda Award • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



## **Raegan Tomasek 2002**

2002 NCAA Championship team • 2000 SEC Championship team • All-American • Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



## **Katie Hornecker 2001**

2000 SEC Championship team • All-American • Two-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • All-SEC



## **Lissy Smith 2001**

2000 SEC Championship team • Three-time All-American • Three-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • All-SEC • 2001 SEC Balance Beam Champion • Three-year NCAA Regional Balance Beam Champion



## **Dara Stewart 2001**

2000 SEC Championship team • Three-time All-American • Two-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • 1998 and 2000 NCAA Regional Uneven Bars Champion • All-SEC



## **Lexa Evans 2000**

2000 SEC Championship team • NCAA Woman of the Year — State of Alabama • All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • Three-year Scholastic All-American



## **Mandy Chapman 1999**

1996 NCAA Championship team • All-American • Three-year Scholastic All-American • Two-year All-SEC • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



## **Gwen Spidle 1999**

1996 NCAA Championship team • Five-time All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • NCAA Team Record squad



## **Merritt Booth 1998**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • Six-time All-American • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • NCAA Woman of the Year finalist • GTE Academic All-American • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winner



### **Shay Murphy 1998**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • Two-time All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • Scored a 10.0 on the floor exercise in 1998 • NCAA Team Record squad



### **Danielle McAdams 1998**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • Three-time All-American • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll • Scored a 10.0 on the vault at the 1996 NCAA Championships • NCAA Team Record squad



### **Meredith Willard 1997**

1996 NCAA Championship Team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Team Record squad • NCAA All-Around Champion • 11-time All-American • NCAA Top VIII Award • SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year • H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Postgraduate Scholarship Winner • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winner • SEC Gymnast of the Year • NCAA Woman of the Year finalist • NCAA Central Regional Champion • Four-year Scholastic All-American • CoSIDA Academic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



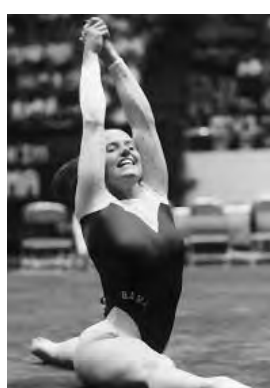
### **Kim Bonaventura 1997**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Team Record squad • Four-time All-American • NCAA Central Regional Champion



### **Stephanie Woods 1997**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Uneven Bars Champion • NCAA Team Record squad • Five-time All-American • Three-time NCAA Regional Champion • SEC Uneven Bars Champion



### **Kim Kelly 1996**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Floor Exercise Champion • NCAA Team Record squad • Nine-time All-American • NCAA Team Vault Record • NCAA Team Floor Exercise Record • Five-time Regional Champion • Two-time SEC Champion • Three-year All-SEC • Scholastic All-American • Two-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



### **Marna Neubauer 1996**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Team Record squad • Three-time All-American • NCAA Floor Exercise Team Record • Two-year Scholastic All-American • Two-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



### **Chasity Junkin 1995**

1995 SEC Championship Team • Two-time All-American • AAI Senior Award Finalist • Three-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year SEC Academic Honor Roll



### **Sheryl Dundas 1994**

1991 NCAA Championship Team • NCAA Central Region Balance Beam Champion • Phi Eta Sigma • All-American • SEC Academic Honor Roll • Scholastic All-American

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**Shea McFall  
1994**

1991 NCAA Championship Team • Two-time All-American • Three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll • All-SEC • Scholastic All-American



**Kara Stilp  
1994**

1991 NCAA Championship Team • Two-time All-American • Scholastic All-American • SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Dana Dobransky  
1993**

1991 NCAA Championship team • 1990 SEC Championship team • Two-time NCAA Balance Beam Champion • Five-time All-American • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship • SEC Postgraduate Scholarship • NCAA Woman of the Year - State Honoree • GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American • SEC Academic Honor Roll • All-SEC • Regional Champion • SEC Champion



**Dee Foster  
1993**

1991 NCAA Championship team • 1990 SEC Championship team • Honda Award for Gymnastics • NCAA All-Around Champion • SEC Athlete of the Year • 17-time All-American • Four-time SEC Champion • Nine-time Regional Champion • Four-time All-SEC • 1993 Alabama Amateur Athlete of the Year



**Gina Basile  
1992**

1991 NCAA Championship Team • 1990 SEC Championship Team • NCAA Champion • All-American • All-SEC • Two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll • SEC Champion • Regional Champion



**Katherine Kelleher  
1992**

1991 NCAA Championship Team • 1990 SEC Championship Team • Three-time All-American • NCAA & SEC Postgraduate Scholarships • Alabama NCAA Woman of the Year • Two-time All-SEC • Three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll • Paul W. Bryant Award • SEC Champion • Two-Time Regional Champion • Scholastic All-American



**Kim Masters  
1991**

1988 & 1991 NCAA Championship Teams • 1988 & 1990 SEC Championship Teams • Three-time All-American • Two-time All-SEC • Four-time Regional Champion • SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Tina Rinker  
1991**

1988 & 1991 NCAA Championship Teams • 1988 & 1990 SEC Championship Teams • All-American • Two-time All-SEC • Regional Champion • Three-Time SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Marie Robbins  
1990**

1988 NCAA Championship Team • 1988 SEC Championship Team • Four-time All-American • Two-time SEC Champion • Two-time Regional Champion • Two-time All-SEC • Paul W. Bryant Award • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship • Three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Cheri Way  
1990**

1988 NCAA Championship Team • 1988 SEC Championship Team • Three-time All-American • Two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll • Four-time Regional Champion



**Kelly Good  
1989**

1988 NCAA Championship Team • 1988 SEC Championship Team • All-American • GTE District IV Academic All-American • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship • SEC Postgraduate Scholarship • Two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Kathy Bilodeau  
1988**

1988 NCAA Championship Team • 1988 SEC Championship Team • Two-time All-American • Two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Julie Estin  
1987**

Six-time All-American • Two-time SEC Champion • Five-time Regional Champion • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship • SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year • Four-time All-SEC • Two-time GTE Academic All-American • Paul W. Bryant Award • Three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Penney Hauschild  
1986**

Two-time NCAA All-Around Champion • Floor Exercise Champion • NCAA Uneven Bars Champion • 10-time All-American • Two-time Broderick Award Winner • AMF American Award • SEC Athlete of the Year • SEC Champion • Five-time Regional Champion • Two-time All-SEC • World University Games



**Barbara Mack  
1985**

All-American • SEC Champion • AMF American Award • Rhodes Scholarship Finalist • Paul W. Bryant Award • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Two-time Regional Champion • Two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Patti Rice  
1984**

SEC Champion • All-SEC • SEC Academic Honor Roll



**Julie Garrett  
1983**

Three-time All-American • SEC Champion • Two-time All-SEC • Regional Champion • NCAA Post-graduate Scholarship



**Patti Kleckner  
1983**

All-SEC



**Denise Balk  
1983**

All-SEC



**Luann Guzzetti  
1983**

All-SEC



**Ann Wilhide  
1983**

All-SEC



**Angie Alexander  
1982**

All-SEC



# ALABAMA AT THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the national level, Alabama has enjoyed staggering success for nearly 30 years ever since vaulting into the NCAA standings in 1983 with a fourth place finish. Last season the Crimson Tide won its fifth national championship, adding it to those earned in 2002, 1996, 1991 and 1988.

Last season also marked Alabama's 29th consecutive NCAA Championship appearance, a stretch that includes 24 top-4 finishes, and a dozen top-2 finishes.

Alabama gymnasts have also excelled individually, winning 22 individual NCAA Championships, including Gerialen Stack-Eaton's floor exercise title in 2011 which was Alabama's 10th championship in the past decade.

In 2007, Morgan Dennis won the NCAA floor exercise title as a freshman while Terin Humphrey won her second national uneven bars title that same season, adding it to her 2005 championship.

Ashley Miles won four NCAA Championships during her career, including three vault titles, 2003, 2004, 2006 and the 2004 floor exercise crown. In 2006, she became the first collegiate gymnast in 20 years to win the same event three times.

Jeana Rice brought home Alabama's fifth NCAA All-Around title in 2004, joining Penney Hauschild, Alabama's first NCAA Champion, who won two all-around titles in 1985 and 1986, as well as Dee Foster and Meredith Willard who managed the feat in 1990 and 1996 respectively. Foster became the first collegiate gymnast to finish top-3 in the all-around all four years of her career. She was first in 1990, second in 1991 and 1993, and third in 1992.

In addition to her all-around titles, Hauschild won the uneven bars championship in 1985 and took home top marks in the floor exercise in 1986. Gina Basile was awarded the balance beam title in 1991, while Dana Dobransky was the first Tide gymnast to

repeat on an individual event when she won back-to-back balance beam titles in 1992 and 1993.

Kim Kelly finished off her stellar career with a winning 10.0 floor exercise performance at the 1996 NCAA Individual Finals. That same year, Stephanie Woods won the uneven bars title as a junior. In 1999, Andree Pickens won the NCAA balance beam as a rookie. She added a Cinderella finish to her standout gymnastics career with the 2002 NCAA Uneven Bars Championship.

In the category of All-Americans, Alabama has been extremely prolific as 61 Tide gymnasts have earned All-American honors a total of 261 times. In 1993, Foster set an NCAA record when she ended her career with 17 first team All-America honors, a mark that still stands today. In 2004, Rice set the national mark for All-American honors in a career, finishing with 18 combined first and second-team honors.

## Alabama's NCAA Team Championships:

2011, 2002, 1996, 1991, 1988

## Alabama's Individual NCAA Champions:

Gerialen Stack-Eaton - 1, Morgan Dennis - 1, Terin Humphrey - 2, Ashley Miles - 4, Jeana Rice - 1, Andree Pickens - 2, Meredith Willard - 1, Kim Kelly - 1, Stephanie Woods - 1, Dana Dobransky - 2, Gina Basile - 1, Dee Foster - 1, Penney Hauschild - 4

## Alabama at the NCAA Championships Year-by-Year:

2011	1st	2003	2nd	1995	t-2nd	1987	4th
2010	3rd	2002	1st	1994	2nd	1986	3rd
2009	2nd	2001	4th	1993	2nd	1985	4th
2008	6th	2000	5th	1992	3rd	1984	6th
2007	9th	1999	3rd	1991	1st	1983	4th
2006	3rd	1998	3rd	1990	2nd		
2005	2nd	1997	9th	1989	3rd		
2004	t-3rd	1996	1st	1988	1st		



2011



2002



1996



1991



1988

# THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

**2011**
**Cleveland, Ohio**

1	ALABAMA	197.650
2	UCLA	197.375
2	Oklahoma	197.250
4	Nebraska	196.725
5	Utah	196.500
6	Michigan	196.425

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Gerald Stack-Eaton FX

**2010**
**Gainesville, Fla.**

1	UCLA	197.725
2	Oklahoma	197.250
3	ALABAMA	197.225
4	Stanford	197.100
5	Florida	197.000
6	Utah	196.225

**2009**
**Lincoln, Neb.**

1	Georgia	197.825
2	ALABAMA	197.575
3	Utah	197.425
4	Florida	196.725
5	Arkansas	196.475
6	LSU	196.375

**2008**
**Athens, Ga.**

1	Georgia	197.450
2	Utah	197.125
3	Stanford	196.750
3	Florida	196.700
5	LSU	196.350
6	ALABAMA	196.125

**2007**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

1	Georgia	197.850
2	Utah	197.250
3	Florida	197.225
4	UCLA	196.925
5	Stanford	196.825
6	Nebraska	195.975
7	LSU	196.275
8	Oklahoma	196.250
9	ALABAMA	196.125
10	Denver	195.575
11	Oregon State	195.100
	Michigan	195.100

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Terin Humphrey UB  
Morgan Dennis FX

**2006**
**Corvallis, Ore.**

1	Georgia	197.750
2	Utah	196.800
3	ALABAMA	196.725
4	Florida	196.275
5	Nebraska	196.175
6	Iowa State	194.725

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Ashley Miles V

**2005**
**Auburn, Ala.**

1	Georgia	197.825
2	ALABAMA	197.400
3	UCLA	197.275
4	Utah	197.150
5	Michigan	196.575
6	Nebraska	196.425

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Terin Humphrey UB

**2004**
**Los Angeles, Calif.**

1	UCLA	198.125
2	Georgia	197.200
3	ALABAMA	197.125
	Stanford	197.125
5	Florida	196.800
6	Utah	195.775

Alabama NCAA Champions-  
Ashley Miles V, FX  
Jeana Rice AA

**2003**
**Lincoln, Neb.**

1	UCLA	197.825
2	ALABAMA	197.275
3	Georgia	197.150
4	Nebraska	197.125
5	Michigan	196.050
6	Utah	195.300

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Ashley Miles V

**2002**
**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**

1	ALABAMA	197.575
2	Georgia	197.250
3	UCLA	197.150
4	Utah	196.950
5	Nebraska	196.425
6	Stanford	196.025

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
André Pickens UB

**2001**
**Athens, Ga.**

1	UCLA	197.575
2	Georgia	197.400
3	Michigan	197.275
4	ALABAMA	196.550
5	Utah	196.025
	Nebraska	196.025

**2000**
**Boise, Idaho**

1	UCLA	197.300
2	Utah	196.875
3	Georgia	196.800
4	Nebraska	196.725
5	ALABAMA	196.500
6	Michigan	195.725

**1999**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

1	Georgia	196.850
2	Michigan	196.550
3	ALABAMA	195.950
4	Arizona State	195.900
5	UCLA	195.850
6	Nebraska	194.800

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
André Pickens BB

**1998**
**Los Angeles, Calif.**

1	Georgia	197.725
2	Florida	196.350
3	ALABAMA	196.300
4	Utah	196.025
5	UCLA	195.750
6	Arizona State	195.450

**1997**
**Gainesville, Fla.**

1	UCLA	197.150
2	Arizona State	196.850
3	Georgia	196.600
4	Michigan	196.500
5	Florida	196.425
6	Nebraska	195.250
7	Utah	196.025
8	Washington	195.975
9	ALABAMA	195.600
10	Minnesota	194.775
11	Penn State	194.300
12	LSU	193.825

**1996**
**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**

1	ALABAMA	198.025
2	UCLA	197.475
3	Utah	196.775
	Georgia	196.775
5	Oregon State	196.525
6	Michigan	196.375

Alabama NCAA Champions-  
Meredith Willard AA  
Kim Kelly FX  
Stephanie Woods UB

**1995**
**Athens, Ga.**

1	Utah	196.650
2	ALABAMA	196.425
	Michigan	196.425
4	UCLA	196.150
5	Georgia	196.075
6	Oregon State	194.850

**1994**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

1	Utah	196.400
2	ALABAMA	196.350
3	Georgia	195.850
4	Michigan	195.150
5	UCLA	194.975
6	Florida	194.850

**1993**
**Corvallis, Ore.**

1	Georgia	198.000
2	ALABAMA	196.825
3	Utah	195.825
4	UCLA	194.925
5	Auburn	194.725
6	Arizona	194.075

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Dana Dobransky BB

**1992**
**Saint Paul, Minn.**

1	Utah	195.650
2	Georgia	194.600
3	ALABAMA	193.350
4	Penn State	192.700
5	Arizona	191.950
6	Oregon State	191.300

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Dana Dobransky BB

**1991**
**Tuscaloosa, Ala.**

1	ALABAMA	195.125
2	Utah	194.375
3	Georgia	193.375
4	Oregon State	192.350
5	Penn State	190.950
6	Florida	189.700
7	LSU	188.600
8	BYU	187.700
9	Arizona State	187.650
	Auburn	187.650
11	Arizona	187.450
12	Utah State	185.950

**1990**
**Corvallis, Ore.**

1	Utah	194.900
2	ALABAMA	194.575
3	Georgia	193.225
4	UCLA	193.100
5	Nebraska	192.225
6	LSU	192.100
7	Oregon State	189.950
8	CS-Fullerton	189.700
9	Towson State	187.975
10	Arizona	187.175
	Florida	187.175
12	Ohio State	183.650

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Dee Foster AA

**1989**
**Athens, Ga.**

1	Georgia	192.650
2	UCLA	192.600
3	ALABAMA	192.100
4	Nebraska	190.800
5	Utah	190.200
6	CS-Fullerton	189.450
7	Arizona State	187.900
	Oregon State	187.900
9	Oklahoma	187.050
10	Florida	187.000
11	Arizona	186.500
12	Ohio State	186.400

**1988**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

1	ALABAMA	190.050
2	Utah	189.500
3	UCLA	188.800
4	LSU	187.900
5	Georgia	186.800
6	Florida	186.650
7	Oregon State	186.500
8	Arizona State	185.100
9	Arizona	184.000
10	Nebraska	183.550
11	Penn State	179.700
12	Michigan State	178.800

**1987**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

1	Georgia	187.900
2	Utah	187.550
3	UCLA	187.000
4	ALABAMA	186.600
5	Arizona State	184.000
6	Florida	183.800
7	LSU	181.500
8	Ohio State	180.200
9	Washington	179.850
10	Nebraska	179.500
11	Arizona	179.450
12	Oregon State	174.500

**1986**
**Gainesville, Fla.**

1	Utah	186.950
2	Arizona State	186.700
3	ALABAMA	186.350
4	Georgia	185.450
5	CS-Fullerton	185.000
6	Penn State	182.700
7	UCLA	181.700
8	Florida	181.300
9	LSU	180.550
10	Ohio State	177.800

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Penney Hauschild FX, AA

**1985**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

1	Utah	188.350
2	Arizona State	186.600
3	Florida	184.300
4	ALABAMA	184.050
5	CS-Fullerton	183.500
6	Oregon	183.150
7	Georgia	180.900
8	Ohio State	179.750
9	Penn State	179.000
10	Oklahoma	177.400

Alabama NCAA Champion-  
Penney Hauschild UB, AA

**1984**
**Los Angeles, Calif.**

1	Utah	186.050
2	UCLA	185.550
3	CS-Fullerton	193.900
4	Arizona State	183.650
5	Florida	182.200
6	ALABAMA	180.800
7	Penn State	179.450
8	Washington	178.550
9	Georgia	177.600
10	Arizona	176.900

**1983**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

1	Utah	184.650
2	Arizona State	183.300
3	CS-Fullerton	179.250
4	ALABAMA	179.050
5	Florida	177.850
6	LSU	177.800
	UCLA	177.800
8	Ohio State	176.650
9	Oregon State	173.550
10	Nebraska	165.550

**1982**
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

1	Utah	148.600
2	CS-Fullerton	144.150
3	Penn State	143.100
4	Oregon State	143.000
5	Arizona State	142.950
6	UCLA	142.400
7	Florida	140.900
8	Nebraska	138.100
9	Oklahoma State	137.200
10	Michigan	136.900



Allyson Edwards, Division Manager for Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, 2011 Honda Award winner Kayla Hoffman and Sarah Patterson.

## ALABAMA'S NATIONAL HONORS

### Honda Award

*Awarded to the nation's top collegiate gymnast.*

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2006	Ashley Miles
2004	Jeana Rice
2002	Andréé Pickens
1993	Dee Foster
1986	Penney Hauschild
1985	Penney Hauschild

### NCAA Today's Top VIII

*The NCAA's most prestigious award, which encompasses athletics, academics and character, is given annually to the nation's top eight senior athletes regardless of gender or sport.*

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2003	Kristin Sterner
2002	Andréé Pickens
1997	Meredith Willard

### NCAA Elite 88

*Started in 2010, the award is given to the student-athlete with the top grade point average at the NCAA Championships.*

2011	Rachel Terry
2010	Kassi Price

### NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2010	Kassi Price
2004	Stephanie Kite
2003	Kristin Sterner
1998	Merritt Booth
1997	Meredith Willard
1993	Dana Dobransky
1992	Katherine Kelleher
1989	Kelly Good
1987	Julie Estin
1985	Barbara Mack
1983	Julie Garrett

### National Coach of the Year

2002	Sarah Patterson
1991	Sarah Patterson
1988	Sarah Patterson
1986	Sarah Patterson

### NCAA Woman of the Year

*First awarded in 1991, the Woman of the Year program honors academic and athletics excellence, as well as community service and leadership, on a national level. From 1991 to 2006, there were three levels: state winner, finalist and Woman of the Year. There are still three levels, but now the first is conference winner.*

2005	Michelle Reeser.....	Top-10 Finalist
2004	Stephanie Kite.....	State Winner
2003	Kristin Sterner.....	Top-10 Finalist
2002	Andréé Pickens.....	State Winner
2000	Lexa Evans.....	State Winner
1998	Merritt Booth.....	Top-10 Finalist
1997	Meredith Willard.....	Top-10 Finalist
1993	Dana Dobransky.....	State Winner
1992	Katherine Kelleher.....	State Winner

## Alabama's NCAA Today's Top VIII Award Winners



Among the highest honors that the NCAA can bestow, Alabama gymnasts have earned a place among the NCAA Today's Top VIII honorees four times. The Crimson Tide's honorees, from the left - Kayla Hoffman (2011), Kristin Sterner with ESPN personality and Alabama graduate Rece Davis in 2003, André Pickens with former UA gymnast and current Associate Athletics Director Marie Robbins in 2002 and Meredith Willard, who took home Alabama gymnastics' first honor in 1997, with then UA president Andrew Sorensen.

## Alabama's Honda Award Winners



Kayla Hoffman, pictured on the opposite page with her Honda Award, is the sixth Alabama gymnast to take home the award given annually to the national gymnast of the year, she joins, from the left, Ashley Miles (2006), Jeana Rice (2004), André Pickens (2002), Dee Foster (1993) and Penney Hauschild, who won it twice, in 1985 and 1986, giving Alabama seven Honda Awards overall.

## NCAA Elite 88 Award Winners



The newest national honor given by the NCAA, the Elite 88 Award, began in 2010 and is given to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average at each of the NCAA's 88 national championships. The award has gone to a UA gymnast each of its first two years. Rachel Terry (left) is presented with the 2011 award by Paul Plinske, the NCAA Championship Committee Chair, while Plinske presented the inaugural award to Kassi Price in 2010.

## National Coach of the Year



During a career that includes five NCAA Championships, seven Southeastern Conference titles and an NCAA-best 26 regional championships, Sarah Patterson has been named the National Coach of the Year four times in three different decades, including 1986, 1988, 1991 and 2002.

# THE 2002 NCAA CHAMPIONS 10TH ANNIVERSARY



On the way to winning its fourth NCAA Championship, Alabama was a study in contrast. In the locker room, which the coaches and gymnasts had turned into a beach getaway, complete with sand, umbrellas, floats and beach music, the Tide was laid back and laughing. Out in the arena, moving ever closer to the title, they were cool, calm and collected.

"We have always done our best when we are loose and laughing," All-American Kristin Sterner said. "So the coaches made sure that while we were in the locker room, we didn't get tense or uptight."

On the night of the Super Six, head coach Sarah Patterson even went so far as to pull out the dress she wore to the championships the first time Alabama won at home, in 1991, a red and white striped, strapless sequined number.

"At first they were surprised, and then they started laughing pretty hard," Patterson said. "I think they really enjoyed seeing that, especially since it's pretty far removed from the kinds of things I wear today."

Sarah and David Patterson, coaching at their 20th NCAA Championship, knew that staying loose would give their team an edge in a tight competition. The night of the NCAA Super Six, none of the six teams had a fall. It would be the second highest scoring night in championship history.

It didn't seem to matter though, the higher the other teams turned up the heat, the cooler Alabama gymnasts got.

For two nights in a row, Alabama started the night on the floor exercise, which means that for two nights in a row, Alabama's championship hopes came down to six routines on the balance beam, often the most daunting event of the four, especially when the pressure is on.

And on the final night, just to add more drama to the evening, Alabama was on the balance beam during the last rotation while second place Georgia was on the floor exercise. Not only would Alabama

have to hit their routines, but they would also have to hold Georgia off.

Each routine grew in importance as both teams moved through the rotation. Alabama hit routine after routine until Sterner came up in the number five spot. A hit routine from Sterner and the championship belonged to Alabama; a miss would open

flame..." and brought a fourth national title to Tuscaloosa. They roared their approval, stomping, clapping and screaming, much like the pandemonium that had broken out on the floor amongst the Tide athletes, coaches and staff.

It had been a remarkable run. Since counting a fall on the last event of the SEC Championships, Alabama had gone a perfect 72 for 72 during their championship march. Pickens, senior Natalie Barrington, Sterner, sophomore Jeana Rice and freshmen Alexis Brion and Shannon Hrozek earned 14 All-American honors between them, the most of any team at the championship. On Saturday, an exhausted Pickens, who went 12 routines in three days, had enough energy left to win the NCAA Uneven Bars title to go with the American Award she'd picked up earlier in the day which denotes the nation's top senior.

There would be more moments of celebration in the days and weeks that followed. Alabama received their championship rings in front of 83,000-plus fans at the halftime of the Alabama-Southern Mississippi football game. They were also honored at the Homecoming parade and the pep rally/bonfire the night before.

But perhaps the best moment came just after the team received the trophy from Alabama Athletics Director Mal Moore, when everyone was laughing and hugging. It was Pickens, who had come back from a torn Achilles that ended her junior season just days before the 2001 NCAA Championship, who put it best.

Standing in the middle of her teammates tightly clutching the Tide's golden prize to her chest she said, "This is why I came back. This is why I worked so hard for so many months to get back – to be able to share this moment, this feeling with these girls and this crowd.

"This," she said again, sweeping her eyes over the mob scene in Coleman Coliseum, "is what we wanted."



the door for Georgia.

Sterner put together a rock solid routine and finished it off by nailing her landing. The title belonged once again to the Tide. But the team didn't know that, not for sure, so for them, there was one more routine to go, this time from Andréé Pickens, the Tide's all-everything senior.

"I started to cry when Kristin landed her routine," Pickens said. "Jeana (Rice) came over to me and told me that it was ok, I could do it, I could do it one more time. That whole routine was in slow motion. It wasn't rushed and I wasn't nervous, I was happy and I was confident."

She nailed her routine. And when she threw her arms in the air after her dismount, the Coleman Coliseum crowd knew what had happened. They knew the Bama team had again, as the Tide fight song says, "Writ her name in crimson



# THE 1996 NCAA CHAMPIONS



For the Alabama gymnastics team, two long years of planning, training and dedication had come down to the next 24 hours. Their motto for the season had been "Enjoy the Journey," and they had with great success. Now, in April 1996, Alabama was on the verge of competing for the national championship on its home floor. Sarah and David Patterson gathered their team and told them, "We've enjoyed the journey, now it's time to enjoy our destination."

Alabama started its drive for its third NCAA Championship on the same two events on which it had counted falls on the first night of team competition. On the uneven bars, sophomore Danielle McAdams produced a 9.875, a mark echoed by freshman Gwen Spidle who was followed by junior Meredith Willard, who posted a 9.9. In the fourth position senior Kim Kelly suffered a fall, putting the Tide's final two performers in clutch positions. Junior Stephanie Woods responded with a 9.95. Senior Marna Neubauer came up in the final position. Battling a sore shoulder for the latter half of the season, she came up big for the Tide, swinging to a 9.875. Alabama produced a 49.475, the second-best total in school history.

Alabama then moved to the balance beam. Willard took to the beam in her customary first spot and for the first time all season, on any event, she fell. Sarah Patterson gathered the team together and told them, "Meredith has been our rock all season long. Now we'll be there for her."

Sophomore Shay Murphy was next up and responded with a solid 9.8. Senior Kim Bonaventura posted a 9.825 and Kelly scored 9.9. McAdams came up in the fifth position. Midway through her routine, she wobbled on a landing, staying on the beam seemingly through sheer force of will. She steadied herself and finished the routine to thunderous applause and a 9.725 score. Woods finished things off for the Tide with a 9.9. The Tide posted a 49.150.

Despite a strong first half, Alabama still trailed UCLA, a squad making a push for the top, by .075 with two rotations left.

The Tide moved to the floor exercise, and it was there that the Tide and the crowd of 10,000-plus fans caught fire. Neubauer scored a 9.85 followed by Booth's 9.875.

Then Kelly brought her floor routine out, the routine she had learned during the season, and introduced only four meets before. To the strains of "Yea Alabama" and "Sweet Home Alabama" the Pennsylvania native captured her audience and judges, producing a perfect 10.0 performance and raising the decibel level in Coleman Coliseum to near-deafening heights.



Willard carried the banner of enthusiasm throughout her performance, producing a 9.95. McAdams came up in the final spot and capped Alabama's performance with a career-high 9.95.

When the counting was done, Alabama had produced a NCAA Floor Exercise record 49.625.

The Bruins were tenacious though, matching the Tide's record floor effort with an NCAA record of their own on the balance beam (49.50). Going into the last rotation, perennial favorites Georgia and Utah were already out of the championship picture - bar-

ring a complete meltdown by both the Crimson Tide and UCLA. It came down to two teams and one last rotation.

Alabama headed to the vault, just .05 ahead of floor exercise bound UCLA.

What happened during the last rotation is the stuff of legend. Alabama ran off a blistering set of vaults in which the Tide scored nothing less than a 9.9 and posted two perfect, golden 10.0s.

Booth got Alabama off to a 9.925 start. Bonaventura and Neubauer chimed in with back-to-back 9.9 scores. McAdams came up in the fourth spot and put the ultimate exclamation point on what had already been a career night. She flew down the runway, hit the springboard, then the vault, landed on the mat and did not move. Feet planted, arms thrown back and head held high, McAdams scored her first perfect 10.0 and the fans roared, clapped and screamed their approval. Kelly responded with a 10.0 of her own, the sixth perfect vault of her career and one that raised the roof right off the coliseum. Willard finished the Tide's evening with a 9.95.

The Tide's vault total, 49.775, set yet another NCAA record. UCLA mustered a 49.275 on the floor. The title was Alabama's.

Alabama totaled a 198.025, a new NCAA "Super Six" record, to win its third NCAA title, second in front of the home crowd. UCLA was second with a 197.475, a score that would have won all but one other NCAA Championship. Utah and Georgia tied for third with a 196.775. Oregon State was fifth with a 196.525, while Michigan finished sixth with a 196.375. It marked the first time in NCAA history that all six members of the "Super Six" scored 196 or better.

Willard started the Tide's winning ways on the first night of competition, earning Alabama's fourth NCAA All-Around title.

The Tide would roll to two more titles during Saturday night's individual competition. Woods posted a 9.975 to win the NCAA Uneven Bars title. And Kelly, in the last meet of her storied career, inked the perfect final chapter. She posted yet another perfect 10.0 floor routine to win that title.



# THE 1991 NCAA CHAMPIONS



In 1991, Sarah Patterson finally had the championships right where she wanted them: in Coleman Coliseum.

Alabama had already gained national prominence, winning its first title in 1988. In 1990, the team brought home its second Southeastern Conference title and placed second to Utah at the national championships. The 1991 team boasted a contingent that included five All-Americans and the 1990 NCAA all-around champion. If the gymnasts did their jobs, there was no doubt in Patterson's mind they would compete in front of the home crowd that final Friday of competition.

"I remember being told that you build a crowd by winning a national championship, but you could also do it by hosting a championship," Patterson said.

The first step toward building the fan base was accomplished with the 1988 NCAA title, which spurred increased interest in the program.

The Tide was young in 1991, with six underclassmen, including four freshmen. The two seniors, Kim Masters and Tina Rinker, sought to weave the 11 girls together to form a squad reminiscent of the 1988 championship they were members of as freshmen.

"I remember feeling that the team had so much talent that we should be able to win the national championship if we could become unified and get into the flow," Rinker reminisced.

Alabama had the opportunity to shine at home, but the team was not fulfilling expectations in the pre-season.

"I can remember in December thinking that we were hosting the championships and that we might not even be there," Patterson said.

Pre-season practices were not characteristic of a team that should be in contention for a gold, and Patterson predicted a nightmarish outcome if the team did not shape up.

"One day, Sarah sat us down and we got a good lecture," Kara Stulp recalled. "I will never forget it. She told us that we were going to be really embarrassed when we hosted nationals, and we would not be competing in it. We agreed that we all needed to get in gear."

That proved to be a turning point for the gymnasts. Once its first competition rolled around, the

Tide was ready to go. If pre-season was tough, the competition season was just as demanding.

The Tide defeated Auburn in the 1991 season opener even though they had to count three falls on balance beam, an event on which the program had built its reputation. In its home opener against Penn State, the team tumbled to three more falls from the 4-inch wide apparatus. Fortunately, they still came away with a win.



To Patterson, these mistakes were unacceptable for a championship-caliber team. Beam intra-squads came frequently, and the team's self-assurance rose. The team members began to refer to themselves as the "Beam Team."

"We had so much confidence because Sarah made us do so many intra-squads," Sheryl Dundas said. "We could do routines in our sleep if we had to."

The Tide traveled to Lexington, Ky., for the Southeastern Conference Championships. Forced to count two falls on the final event, vault, the SEC title slipped from Alabama's hands by .05. The disappointment and frustration made the Tide even more determined to earn the national crown.

"Good teams aren't going to let defeats defeat them overall," Katherine Kelleher told reporters at the time. "They use it to their advantage. That's what we are going to do."

"I've always said that in this conference, you can be third at the conference championship and win the national championship," Patterson explained. "1991 was definitely indicative of that scenario."

At the regional championships at Auburn, the Tide turned in one of its best performances of the season. The team entered the NAAs as the No. 1 seed.

The Tide drew a favorable rotation at the NCAA Championships, starting on the vault, finishing on the floor exercise. After charging through the first two events, the "Beam Team" was put to its final test, hitting all six routines, passing the exam with flying colors. The Tide was the only team without a fall on the balance beam at nationals.

Before the team rotated to floor, Patterson offered only one piece of advice to her charges: "I just told the kids to land on their feet and stay in bounds."

The floor music reverberated through the Coliseum and each tumbling pass was met with louder and louder cheers and at the end of six routines the Crimson Tide emerged victorious.

"Winning one (the championship in 1988) was great, but there was nothing like winning at home," Patterson said.

"I felt like winning one championship was exciting, but to win a second one just validated our program at that point," Patterson said. "It wasn't just a one-time thing. Yes, we can have this philosophy of having the best students and athletes and well-rounded individuals and still win a championship."

The team also taught Patterson a thing or two about the seven-month journey to the national championship competition, as well as the expectations that come with the quest.

"It doesn't matter where you start in December," Patterson said. "It only matters where you end in April. Sometimes, when it looks like you have your hardest road to go in pre-season, you need to stay focused on the outcome and take it one step at a time. So, more than anything, I learned from this team to not look too far down that road."

# THE 1988 NCAA CHAMPIONS



Sarah and David were celebrating their 10th anniversary of coaching the Crimson Tide in 1988. Their success had been nothing short of amazing, with five consecutive top-6 finishes including a high of third in 1986. Alabama was a strong team, with a solid foundation built on its coaches and the type of athletes they chose to bring into the program.

The questions began brewing in the Patterson's minds though - could their philosophy of developing the whole person produce championships? Would they be able to do things the way they wanted and still climb the final rung and produce a championship? The questions were answered emphatically in 1988.

Alabama started the year 10-strong. It was a young squad, with two seniors, one junior, four sophomores and three freshmen. The Pattersons added to the Tide's arsenal in January, when Kim Masters joined the Tide. Masters had planned to delay college for a year to train for the Seoul Olympics. After finishing ninth at the USA Gymnastics Championships the summer before, her aspirations for the Olympic rings seemed within her grasp. Striving for that goal lost its appeal though and after much thought, she opted for college and the Tide. With its roster set, the season began.

Alabama reeled off a trio of wins to get things going. Then something strange happened - Alabama tied LSU. With fractions of points being added up over the course of 24 individual performances, ties are rare in collegiate gymnastics. Then, at the next meet, Alabama did it again; tying Georgia at the UA hosted Red and White Classic and beating Utah.

In any other season, that would have been what the year would be known by, the year of two ties. This squad, though, was destined for far greater things.

Alabama then set the tone for the postseason by winning its first ever Southeastern Conference Championship with a 190.15. It was only the second time in school history that it had scored in the 190s. The Tide outpointed second-place Georgia by .95.

The regionals were next for the Tide and a good performance would be necessary to advance to the NCAA Championships. Instead of a good performance, Alabama produced a school and NCAA-best mark of 191.75. The Tide posted the meet's top score, both individually and as a team, on

all four events. Masters won the all-around title followed by Marie Robbins in second and Tina Rinker in fourth.

"I didn't think it was going to be possible to exceed what we did at the Southeastern Conference Championship, but they certainly did," Sarah Patterson said. "They came back and did a better job."



Nationals were in Salt Lake City, Utah, home of five-time NCAA Champion Utah, the No. 2 seed. Among others, Alabama would face defending NCAA Champs Georgia, No. 3 seeded LSU and No. 4 seeded Florida. Both the competition and the floor were familiar. The position, being the No. 1 seed, was not.

"I don't think there's extra pressure on us being the No. 1 seed," Sarah said. "We just achieved so many things - winning the SEC, the record in the regionals and the No. 1 seed - that we're too proud of what we've already accomplished to feel pressure."

If Alabama disagreed with their coach, it did not show. Those watching from the stands and those on press row observed a Crimson Tide team that was calm and loose going into the championships, having fun, being playful and displaying an indomitable team spirit.

Alabama scored an NCAA Championship record on the way to its first national championship, shattering the mark previously held by Utah, (188.35), with a 190.05. The Tide's highest all-around finish was ninth-place, highlighting the team effort it took to win the championship.

Consistency, along with confidence and enthusiasm were the keys for the Crimson Tide. The Pattersons' crew hit 23 of 24 routines, including a six-for-six balance beam rotation.

"It was the beam - that's where we won it," Sarah said. "That was our best beam score of the year."

And if the beam was the event that led Alabama to the title, its seniors were the class pointing the way.

"This national championship is for our two seniors - Alli Beldon and Kathy Bilodeau. They hit all three events tonight. They were models for us all year. We just learned from their consistency which has been our forte all season."

Four Alabama gymnasts earned seven All-American honors. Sarah Patterson was named NCAA Coach of the Year, but most importantly, Alabama had its first NCAA Championship.

"It's so unbelievable," Robbins said. "We had so much fun. That's when we are at our best."

Sophomore Cheri Way said the seeds of the championship were sown long before the trip to Utah.

"I realized we could win the national title after one long and tiresome Tuesday practice when we decided to go out and do it for us," Way said. "When I realized we had won . . . my whole body went numb."

The good times were far from over.

"The best part about winning the championship was coming back home to Alabama," Blumberg said, a sentiment echoed by all her teammates at one point or another during that magic year.

On April 30, 1988, the state of Alabama declared "Alabama Gymnasts' Day." There was a parade and a ceremony at the base of Denny Chimes. The next fall, the gymnasts received their championship rings at half time of the Vanderbilt football game.

# ALABAMA'S INDIVIDUAL NCAA CHAMPIONS



**GERALEN STACK-EATON**  
2011 NCAA  
Floor Exercise Champion

Less than 24 hours after helping Alabama win its fifth NCAA team championship, junior Geralen Stack-Eaton came back to win the Crimson Tide's 22nd individual NCAA Championship, taking top honors on the floor exercise.

Up fourth out of the 12-gymnast field, Stack-Eaton posted a 9.9375 to set the pace in Cleveland, Ohio. Of gymnasts 5-11, three scored 9.9s, but none came any closer. The 12th and final gymnast in the field posted a 9.85 and Alabama had its fifth national title on the floor exercise.

She earned the win after starting the night with a fall on the uneven bars that knocked her out of contention on that event.

"I'm so proud of what Geralen did and how she was able to mentally drop the uneven bars and earn the floor exercise championship," Sarah Patterson said. "I think she has one of the great routines. Her floor routine was beautiful. She's one of the reasons we're here as team champions, and I couldn't be more proud of her."

Overall, it was a tremendous weekend for the Horsham, Pa., native. In addition to earning four first-team All-American honors, she scored 9.925 or better on the floor exercise all three nights of the championships and she finished third overall in the all-around.



**MORGAN DENNIS**  
2007 NCAA  
Floor Exercise Champion

Just a freshman, Morgan Dennis had already learned the trick of bringing the crowd to its feet. Her huge tumbling and feet-nailed-to-the-floor landings were enough to excite even veteran gymnastics fans. But a national title, on the floor exercise, as a rookie? That was going to take some doing, especially in 2007 when 18 gymnasts made the floor exercise final.

But Dennis didn't get rattled. She calmly waited, going 17th in the lineup. And when her turn finally did come around, she made the most of it, electrifying the crowd and scoring a 9.9625, the best of the night to that point. One more routine was to come though, so after waiting most of the night to show what she had, she waited a little longer to see if her routine was golden. The last gymnast up came close, with a 9.95, but not close enough and rookie Morgan Dennis took home gold.



**TERIN HUMPHREY**  
2005 & 2007  
NCAA Uneven Bars Champion

She wanted it back. As a freshman, Terin Humphrey had gone from Olympic Silver to NCAA Gold, winning the NCAA Uneven Bars title. As a sophomore, she earned second team All-American honors on the uneven bars, but did not repeat as champion.

Winning title No. 2 wasn't going to be easy. In October she'd had double elbow surgery to help ease problems she had worked through for years. She was also facing the deepest, most talented uneven bars field in NCAA history, one loaded with Olympians and U.S. Champions. But Humphrey was not to be denied. She was up sixth out of eight competitors and her 9.95 bettered all that came before and was good enough to hold off the two that followed her. She was once again, queen of the uneven bars.

Her first NCAA title came at the end of a long year, one that included the U.S. Olympic Trials, a spot on the Olympic team that included a pair of silver medals at the Athens Olympics and a stint on the T.J. Maxx Olympic Tour before joining the Crimson Tide in January. At the end of that very long year, she found herself with one more routine to do. Up last on the uneven bars, she had her work cut out for her with a 9.925 already on the board. The Olympic silver medalist was undaunted though, taking NCAA gold with a 9.9375.



## **ASHLEY MILES**

2003, 2004 & 2006  
NCAA Vault Champion  
2004 NCAA Floor Exercise Champion

Ashley Miles made it look easy. She made it look like flying. Her huge vaults and tumbling passes on the floor exercise made her the must-see gymnast where ever she was, even at the national championships.

"Wherever we were, when Ashley was on an event, all eyes in the gym were drawn to her," Sarah Patterson said. "It was an amazing phenomenon."

And her outsized brand of gymnastics earned her four individual NCAA titles, tying Penney Hauschild for most in a career. She is the first Alabama athlete to win more than two national apparatus titles during a career.

When she won the 2006 NCAA vault title, she became only the second gymnast in NCAA history to win three national vault championships in a career and the first in 20 years. She is one of only six athletes in NCAA history to win the same event three times and the first in over a decade to manage the feat. Her four individual national titles ties her for third all-time in NCAA history.



## **JEANA RICE**

2004 NCAA All-Around Champion

She'd spent a career being as good as anyone in the nation and during her last NCAA Championships, Jeana Rice proved herself better than anyone else. On the first day of competition at the UCLA-hosted championships, Rice, who had already won the two SEC All-Around and three NCAA Regional All-Around titles in her career, posted a 39.650 to win the NCAA All-Around Championship.

Rice's career had been building to this moment from day one. She won six individual SEC Championships and seven NCAA Regional titles over her four years. At the NCAA Championships she finished in the top six in the all-around competition every year as well as posting five finishes in the top six on individual events.

She was rewarded for an outstanding senior year by being named the Honda Award winner for Gymnastics, given annually to the national gymnast of the year.

In addition to all her championship hardware, Rice set a national record as a senior, becoming the first NCAA Gymnast to earn five All-American honors in three different seasons. She also set the record for All-American honors in a career, earning 18 first and second-team accolades.



## **ANDRÉE PICKENS**

1999 NCAA Balance Beam Champion  
2002 NCAA Uneven Bars Champion

It is a testament to Andréé Pickens' talent and drive that she managed not only to win two NCAA titles, but to win them in the most challenging fashion imaginable.

As a freshman she competed in every event all three days of the NCAA Championships. On the last day, after leading Alabama to a third place finish in the thin air of Salt Lake City, Utah the day before, she harnessed her strength and boundless energy to win the NCAA Balance Beam title, earning gold on the event that made her nervous all season.

Three years later, after coming back from a ruptured Achilles tendon that ended her junior season, Pickens again competed in 12 events over three days. But the four events on Saturday were just icing on the cake for the Houston, Texas native who the night before had led the Tide to its fourth NCAA team title.

In the waning moments of a spectacular career, she brought the grit and determination that carried her through injury and rehab to bear on one last routine, winning the NCAA Uneven Bars title. After landing that routine, she gave a tired wave to the crowd, knowing she had given everything she had and it had been more than enough.



# ALABAMA'S INDIVIDUAL NCAA CHAMPIONS



**MEREDITH WILLARD**  
1996 NCAA All-Around Champion

She tugged urgently at the sleeve of the nearest meet official, asking him to check then double check the scores. There had been a mistake, someone else was supposed to be where she was.

No mistake, the scores were right. Meredith Willard, the ultimate team player in a sport filled with individuals, had won the 1996 NCAA All-Around Championship.

Meredith's title shouldn't have come as a surprise. She had been, throughout the 1996 season, the nation's most consistent gymnast. Going into the Main Event, she had hit an astounding and perfect 44 of 44 routines. She had, going into the championships, competed in 45 of a possible 48 events. She had been very nearly unstoppable.

And Willard had not just been consistent, she had been consistently brilliant. She bettered or tied her career best all-around mark six times during the season. And at the Main Event on the night of the all-around, she was the best of the best, winning with a 39.450 total. Her talent and ability led her to Alabama's ninth individual NCAA crown. Her poise and leadership led Alabama to a national team championship the next day.



**KIM KELLY**  
1996 NCAA Floor Exercise Champion

In the final performance of her Crimson Tide career, as the music of her floor routine reached its final beat, and tears streamed down her face, Kim Kelly's success-studded career turned golden. The King of Prussia, Penn., native won the 1996 NCAA Floor Exercise Championship in front of the home crowd with a perfect 10.0 and an avalanche of applause.

As extraordinary as the ending was, the genesis of her championship floor routine is even more so. In college gymnastics, the norm is to change floor routines just once during a career and a mid-season change was unheard of, until Kim Kelly.

Tide freshman Lisa Gianni's floor routine was to the strains of the Alabama fight song. When Gianni went down after the second meet of the season with a ruptured Achilles tendon, there was no one to carry the routine into the Tide-hosted nationals, until Kelly undertook the challenge.

It was a move that Tide coach Sarah Patterson says she would not have been able to consider with anyone except Kelly. The move paid off when Kelly completed the post season triple play, winning the SEC, NCAA Central Regional and NCAA Championships.



**STEPHANIE WOODS**  
1996 NCAA Uneven Bars Champion

Stephanie Woods knew that the uneven bars routine she had just finished had been special - she just wasn't sure if anyone else knew. It was the night of the event finals at the NCAA Championships and she had just completed her routine.

But the Austin, Texas, native's feeling about her routine carried over to the judges, who knew they had seen something special, something of championship caliber.

In the history of the NCAA Championships, only three competitors have scored better. There are three 10s scattered over the years. Woods is the first to earn a 9.975.

Woods had been brilliantly consistent all season on the uneven bars. Of her 15 routines, 12 scored 9.9 or better. She collected the 1996 NCAA Central Regional uneven bars and balance beam titles coming into the Main Event. She scored back-to-back 9.950s in the NCAA preliminary and Super Six rounds. Her national championship performance was a career best.





## DANA DOBRANSKY

1992 & 1993 NCAA  
Balance Beam Champion

### On her 1993 beam title:

"Ending my career with a 10.0 on balance beam finally represented that I had worked for perfection. It made all of the mental perfection, all of the hard work, all of the falling, and getting up, worth it. It was great to be able to represent the University of Alabama with a perfect 10."

### Best memory:

"My most lasting memory is the love and support of our fans. That fan support was one of the reasons that I was attracted to Alabama, and when I got there, it was just great. I know that we wouldn't have been as successful as we were, or are, without the love and support of all of our fans. The fans at Alabama are so supporting of everything, and that is the one thing that really stands out in my mind."



## GINA BASILE

1991 NCAA Balance Beam Champion

**On the 1991 team title:** "It was a very rewarding experience for me. It was especially great because it was at home in front of our families and our

fans. It's really a feeling that you can't put into words. The best way that I can describe winning the national team title is that it is 11 girls, separated around the country, who are bonded together for life by a ring which represents talent, dedication, friendship and crimson pride."

**Best memory:** "Really, the thing that stands out in my mind is that there was no real pressure. There was some pressure, but really we just had a good time. Usually the person who wants it the most wins, and we just always pulled together, had a good time, and usually won. That's what I will always remember."



## DEE FOSTER

1990 NCAA All-Around Champion

**On her title:** "There were advantages and disadvantages to winning a national title. The advantages were, of course, the respect and national recognition in a sport that I had dedicated my life to. And the main disadvantage was the pressure to repeat. Thankfully I had 10 other people there to help me through each of the next three years."

**Best memory:** "My junior year, during the Homecoming football game, we got our National Championship rings down on the field at halftime. My best friend was there to enjoy it with me, and that made it extra special."



## PENNEY HAUSCHILD

1985 & 1986 NCAA  
All-Around Champion  
1985 NCAA Uneven Bars Champion  
1986 NCAA Floor Exercise Champion

On her National Championships: "It was definitely the pinnacle of my gymnastics career. But I know that nothing could have been done without Sarah, David, my teammates, the trainers, and really the entire athletic department. Although my titles were a great experience, I would have given anything to be able to be with the team in 1988 when they won the team national title."

**Best memory:** "After my floor exercise at the 1986 Nationals, which was the last event of my career, Sarah was standing right there. She had tears in her eyes, I had tears in my eyes, and we just came together and hugged. That will always be the one moment that will stand out in my mind."

# ALABAMA'S ALL-AMERICANS



The Crimson Tide returns eight All-Americans to its 2012 roster, from the left - Rachel Terry, Diandra Milliner, Kim Jacob, Geralen Stack-Eaton, Marissa Gutierrez, Ashley Priess, Ashley Sledge and Sarah DeMeo.

## FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

### 2011

Sarah DeMeo UB (3rd)  
Marissa Gutierrez V (5th)  
Kayla Hoffman AA (2nd), BB (2nd), V (4th)  
Kim Jacob AA (7th), BB (8th)  
Ashley Sledge V (7th)  
Gerald Stack-Eaton AA (3rd), FX (1st), V (7th), UB (15th)

### 2010

Morgan Dennis V, FX (5th)  
Kayla Hoffman UB (8th)  
Kassi Price UB (8th)  
Ashley Priess BB (10th)  
Gerald Stack-Eaton AA (4th), BB (6th), V (15th)

### 2009

Morgan Dennis UB (10th)  
Ricki Lebegern BB (10th)  
Ashley Priess BB (3rd), UB (12th)

### 2008

Morgan Dennis FX (4th)  
Kayla Hoffman V (5th)  
Kassi Price UB (8th)

### 2007

Terin Humphrey UB (1st), BB (8th)  
Morgan Dennis FX (1st)

### 2006

Terin Humphrey BB (4th)  
Ashley Miles AA (5th), V (1st), FX (3rd)

### 2005

Dana Filetti UB (10th)  
Terin Humphrey BB (5th), UB (1st), FX (5th)  
Ashley Miles AA (3rd), V (4th), UB (7th), FX (2nd)

### 2004

Alexis Brion FX (5th)  
Ashley Miles V (1st), FX (1st), UB (6th)  
Jeana Rice AA (1st), BB (2nd), UB (13th)

### 2003

Mari Bayer UB (8th)  
Alexis Brion V  
Ashley Miles V (1st), FX (3rd)  
Jeana Rice AA (4th), V (8th), BB (3rd), UB (4th)  
Kristin Sterner BB (6th)

### 2002

Natalie Barrington UB (4th)  
André Pickens AA (2nd), V (3rd), BB (5th), UB (1st), FX (5th)  
Shannon Hrozek BB (9th)  
Alexis Brion V (6th), FX (4th)  
Jeana Rice AA (6th), BB (2nd)  
Kristin Sterner BB (3rd), FX (11th)

### 2001

Natalie Barrington UB (6th)  
Jeana Rice AA (3rd), FX (6th)  
Lissy Smith BB (6th)  
Kristin Sterner BB (5th)

### 2000

Natalie Barrington UB (7th)  
Katie Hornecker V (8th)  
André Pickens AA (8th), V (2nd), UB (4th)  
Kristin Sterner UB (11th), FX (5th)  
Dara Stewart UB (9th)

### 1999

André Pickens AA (4th), V (5th), UB (4th), BB (1st), FX (10th)  
Lissy Smith BB (4th)  
Gwen Spidle V (8th)

### 1998

Merritt Booth FX (17th)  
Shay Murphy FX (8th)  
Gwen Spidle AA (3rd), BB (8th)

### 1997

Meredith Willard AA (2nd), V, UB (4th), BB (3rd), FX (4th)  
Stephanie Woods UB (2nd)

### 1996

Merritt Booth V (5th)  
Kim Kelly FX (1st), BB (8th)  
Danielle McAdams FX (3rd)  
Marna Neubauer V (9th)  
Meredith Willard AA (1st), UB (4th), FX (7th)  
Stephanie Woods UB (1st)

### 1995

Kim Bonaventura UB (3rd)  
Merritt Booth FX (9th)  
Meredith Willard FX (11th)  
Stephanie Woods BB (5th), UB (6th)

### 1994

Chasity Junkin - AA (6th), V (7th)  
Kim Kelly - V (8th), UB (11th), FX (11th)  
Kara Stilp UB (10th)  
Meredith Willard - AA (3rd), FX (4th)

### 1993

Dana Dobransky - BB (1st), FX (11th)  
Dee Foster AA (2nd), V (4th), UB (T9th), FX (T4th)

### 1992

Dana Dobransky - BB (1st)  
Sheryl Dundas - BB (6th)  
Dee Foster - AA (3rd), UB (3rd), BB (3rd), FX (2nd)  
Katherine Kelleher V (11th)

### 1991

Gina Basile - BB (3rd)  
Dana Dobransky - BB (6th), FX (T3rd)  
Dee Foster - AA (2nd), V, UB, BB, FX  
Katherine Kelleher - V (7th)  
Shea McFall - V (6th)  
Kim Masters - V (5th), AA (8th)  
Kara Stilp - FX (8th)

### 1990

Dee Foster - AA (1st), V (4th), UB (T2nd), BB (T2nd)  
Katherine Kelleher - BB (7th)  
Shea McFall - V (7th)

### 1989

Kim Masters - AA (6th)  
Cheri Way - BB (7th)

### 1988

Kathy Bilodeau - BB (6th), FX (7th)  
Tina Rinker - UB (7th)  
Marie Robbins - UB (2nd), BB (5th)  
Cheri Way - UB (3rd), FX (6th)

### 1987

Julie Estin AA (4th), BB (4th), FX (7th)  
Marie Robbins - UB (5th), FX (3rd)

### 1986

Julie Estin - AA (5th)  
Lisa Farley - BB (7th)  
Kelly Good - V (6th)  
Penney Hauschild - AA (1st), V (3rd), UB (3rd), FX (1st)

### 1985

Julie Estin - V (7th), UB (4th)  
Penney Hauschild - AA (1st), UB (1st), BB (4th)

### 1984

Penney Hauschild - AA (4th), UB (2nd), BB (4th)  
Barbara Mack BB (6th)

### 1982

Julie Garrett - UB (4th), AIAW AA (5th), AIAW UB (4th)

# **SECOND TEAM ALL-AMERICANS**

**2011**

Diandra Milliner - BB

**2010**

Ricki Lebegern - BB  
Gerald Stack-Eaton - UB

**2009**

Ricki Lebegern - AA, FX  
Ashley Priess - AA, FX  
Rachel Terry - V

**2008**

Morgan Dennis - AA, UB  
Casey Overton - BB

**2007**

Morgan Dennis - AA  
Kassi Price - UB

**2006**

Melanie Banville - UB  
Terin Humphrey - AA, UB, FX  
Brittany Magee - FX

**2005**

Shannon Hrozek - BB  
Terin Humphrey - AA  
Michelle Reeser - BB

**2004**

Alexis Brion - V  
Jeana Rice - V, FX

**2003**

Mari Bayer - BB  
Shannon Hrozek - BB  
Stephanie Kite - FX  
Jeana Rice - FX  
Kristin Sterner - AA

**2002**

Jeana Rice - V

**2001**

Jeana Rice - V, UB, BB  
Kristin Sterner - AA, V, FX  
Raegan Tomasek - BB

**2000**

André Pickens - FX  
Lissy Smith - BB  
Kristin Sterner - AA

**1999**

Lexa Evans - FX  
Dara Stewart - UB

**1998**

Merritt Booth - V  
Gwen Spidle - V  
Dara Stewart - UB

**1997**

Merritt Booth - FX  
Mandy Chapman - BB  
Gwen Spidle - FX

**1996**

Kim Bonaventura - BB  
Merritt Booth - FX  
Kim Kelly - AA, V  
Danielle McAdams - V, UB  
Shay Murphy - BB  
Marna Neubauer - FX  
Meredith Willard - BB

**1995**

Kim Bonaventura - BB  
Kim Kelly - BB, FX, V  
Marna Neubauer - UB  
Meredith Willard - AA

**1994**

Kim Bonaventura - UB  
Meredith Willard - V, UB, BB  
Stephanie Woods - BB

**1993**

Dana Dobransky - AA  
Kara Stilp - FX

**1992**

Dana Dobransky - AA, UB  
Katherine Kelleher - UB



In addition to winning the 1990 NCAA All-Around Title, Dee Foster earned 17 first team All-American honors, the most in NCAA history.

## **ALL-AMERICANS BY CAREER TOTAL**

Jeana Rice, 2001-04.....	18	Shay Murphy, 1995-98.....	2
Dee Foster, 1990-93.....	17 *	Kathy Bilodeau, 1985-88.....	2
Meredith Willard, 1994-97.....	16	Chasity Junkin, 1992-95.....	2
André Pickens, 1999-2002.....	14	Mari Bayer, 2003-06.....	2
Ashley Miles, 2003-06.....	12	<b>Kim Jacob, 2011-present</b> .....	2
Kristin Sterner, 2000-03.....	11	Tina Rinker, 1984-87.....	1
Penney Hauschild, 1983-86.....	10	Sheryl Dundas, 1991-94.....	1
Kim Kelly, 1993-96.....	10	Raegan Tomasek, 1999-02.....	1
Terin Humphrey, 2005-08.....	10	Mandy Chapman, 1996-98.....	1
Dana Dobransky, 1990-93.....	8	Lisa Farley, 1985-87.....	1
Morgan Dennis, 2007-10.....	8	Lexa Evans, 1997-2000.....	1
<b>Gerald Stack-Eaton, 2009-present</b> .....	8	Kelly Good, 1986-89.....	1
Merritt Booth, 1995-98.....	6	Katie Hornecker, 1998-2001.....	1
Julie Estin, 1984-87.....	6	Gina Basile, 1989-92.....	1
Stephanie Woods, 1994-97.....	5	Barbara Mack, 1982-85.....	1
Gwen Spidle, 1996-99.....	5	Stephanie Kite, 2001-04.....	1
Alexis Brion, 2002-05.....	5	Michelle Reeser, 2002-05.....	1
Kayla Hoffman, 2008-11.....	5	Dana Filetti, 2003-06.....	1
<b>Ashley Priess, 2009-present</b> .....	5	Melanie Banville, 2006.....	1
Marie Robbins, 1987-90.....	4	Brittany Magee, 2006-09.....	1
Kim Bonaventura, 1994-97.....	4	Casey Overton, 2007-10.....	1
Katherine Kelleher, 1989-92.....	4	<b>Rachel Terry, 2009-present</b> .....	1
Ricki Lebegern, 2007-10.....	4	<b>Marissa Gutierrez, 2010-present</b> .....	1
Marna Neubauer, 1993-96.....	3	<b>Ashley Sledge, 2010-present</b> .....	1
Lissy Smith, 1998-2001.....	3	<b>Sarah DeMeo, 2011-present</b> .....	1
Kim Masters, 1988-91.....	3	<b>Diandra Milliner, 2011-present</b> .....	1
Kara Stilp, 1991-94.....	3		
Julie Garrett, 1982-83.....	3		
Dara Stewart, 1998-2001.....	3		
Danielle McAdams, 1995-98.....	3		
Cheri Way, 1987-90.....	3		
Natalie Barrington, 1999-2002.....	3		
Shannon Hrozek, 2002-05.....	3		
Kassi Price, 2007-10.....	3		
Shea McFall, 1989-92.....	2		

61 ATHLETES WITH 261 HONORS



# ALABAMA AT THE NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Ashley Miles won 10 individual NCAA regional titles.

Alabama has dominated the NCAA Regional Championships for 25-plus years and last season was no exception.

Alabama came away with its 26th regional title last season, advancing to its 29th consecutive NCAA Championships. Kayla Hoffman won four individual titles last season, including the all-around on the way to being named the Central Region Gymnast of the Year, while Geralen Stack-Eaton won the balance beam to complete the Crimson Tide sweep of the regional titles.

The regional is a crucial step to making it to the NCAA Championships. The top 36 teams around the nation advance to six regional sites. The top 18 teams in the nation are seeded into the regions, while team's 19-36 stay in their home region or are placed in the next nearest regional. To advance to the NCAA Championships, a team must finish first or second in one of the six regions.

Alabama gymnasts have won 129 individual regional titles over the past 28 years. In addition to Hoffman in 2011, Ashley Miles was named NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year in 2006 while Andreé Pickens won the same award four years running, from 1999 to 2002 before giving way to Jeana Rice in 2003.

Miles set the Alabama career record for regional titles in 2006 when she won a pair of titles to push her all-time mark to 10. She is also the first Tide gymnast to win the same regional event all four years of her career, sweeping the vault and floor exercise from 2003 to 2006.

On her way to the Tide regional title record, Miles passed Pickens and Dee Foster, who are tied with nine apiece. Hoffman, Miles and Foster are tied for the most titles in a single season. Foster won four in 1993 a number Miles matched in 2005 and Hoffman in 2011.

Twice, in 1992 and 1993, David Patterson was named NCAA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year. In 2000 and 2002, former UA gymnast and current Associate Athletics Director for the Crimson Tide Marie Robbins was named NCAA Central Region Administrator of the Year.

The Crimson Tide earned one Southeast Regional title, 1983, before making the jump to the Central Regional, and winning 13 there. In 1999, the region structure changed, going to six regions. Alabama won the inaugural Region 6 title in 1999 and the Region 4 title in 2000. For the 2001 season, the names of the regions were changed back to directional designations and Alabama was once again in the Central Region, and the Tide has reeled off 10 titles since that time.

## Alabama at the NCAA Regional Championships:

2011	1st	2001	1st	1991	1st
2010	1st	2000	1st	1990	1st
2009	1st	1999	1st	1989	1st
2008	1st	1998	1st	1988	1st
2007	1st	1997	2nd	1987	1st
2006	1st	1996	1st	1986	2nd
2005	1st	1995	1st	1985	1st
2004	2nd	1994	1st	1984	1st
2003	1st	1993	1st	1983	1st
2002	1st	1992	1st	1982	2nd

## Alabama's Individual NCAA Regional Champions:

Ashley Miles - 10; Andreé Pickens - 9; Dee Foster - 9; Jeana Rice - 7; Kayla Hoffman - 7; Kim Kelly - 6; Morgan Dennis - 6; Julie Estin - 5; Penney Hauschild - 5; Kim Masters - 4; Kristin Sterner - 4; Meredith Willard - 4; Terin Humphrey - 4; Geralen Stack-Eaton - 4; Brittany Magee - 3; Cheri Way - 3; Lissy Smith - 3; Marie Robbins - 3; Stephanie Woods - 3; Kassi Price - 3; Ashley Priess - 3; Barbara Mack - 2; Dara Stewart - 2; Gina Basile - 2; Katherine Kelleher - 2; Kathy Bilodeau - 2; Alexa Martinez - 1; Alexis Brion - 1; Cindy Wilson - 1; Dana Dobransky - 1; Danielle McAdams - 1; Gina Logan - 1; Gwen Spidle - 1; Kara Stilp - 1; Kim Bonaventura - 1; Robin Hawkins - 1; Shannon Hrozek - 1; Sheryl Dundas - 1; Tina Rinker - 1



# THE NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The list below includes all of Alabama's NCAA Regional appearances. The Crimson Tide competed in the Southeast region in 1982 and 1983. From 1984 to 1998, the Tide competed in the Central region. In 1999 and 2000, after the NCAA went from five to six regions, Alabama competed out of Region 4. In 2002, Region 4 was renamed the Central region.

## 2011

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 197.275
2. Illinois 195.925
3. Penn State 195.850

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Kayla Hoffman 39.600  
V Kayla Hoffman 9.925  
UB Kayla Hoffman 9.925  
BB Geralen Stack-Eaton 9.950  
FX Kayla Hoffman 9.925

## 2010

### at Lexington, Ky.

1. Alabama 197.400
2. Nebraska 195.975
3. Illinois 195.425

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Geralen Stack-Eaton 39.550  
V Geralen Stack-Eaton 9.900  
Kayla Hoffman 9.900  
UB Geralen Stack-Eaton 9.900  
Kassi Price 9.900  
BB Ashley Priess 9.875  
FX Morgan Dennis 9.950

## 2009

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 197.000
2. Oklahoma 196.600
3. Missouri 196.000

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Ashley Priess 39.550  
V Kayla Hoffman 9.925  
UB Kayla Hoffman 9.950  
BB Ashley Priess 9.950  
FX Morgan Dennis 9.925

## 2008

### at Norman, Okla.

1. Alabama 197.300
2. Oklahoma 195.875
3. Iowa 195.425

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Morgan Dennis 39.625  
V Morgan Dennis 9.950  
UB Kassi Price 9.900  
BB Kassi Price 9.900  
Brittany Magee 9.900  
FX Morgan Dennis 9.925

## 2007

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 196.475
2. \*Oklahoma 195.925
3. Iowa State 195.925

\*Advanced on the tie-breaker

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Terin Humphrey 9.900  
V Morgan Dennis 9.950  
UB Terin Humphrey 9.900

## 2006

### at Palo Alto, Calif.

1. Alabama 196.475
2. Oregon State 195.800
3. Stanford 195.275

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- V Ashley Miles 9.900  
Brittany Magee 9.900  
BB Terin Humphrey 9.900  
FX Ashley Miles 9.900  
Brittany Magee 9.900

## 2005

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 196.675
2. Iowa State 195.625
3. Auburn 194.800

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Ashley Miles 39.525  
V Ashley Miles 9.925  
UB Ashley Miles 9.850  
Terin Humphrey 9.850  
FX Ashley Miles 9.950

## 2004

### at Corvallis, Ore.

1. Oklahoma 197.100
2. Alabama 196.900
3. Oregon State 196.850

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Jeana Rice 39.550  
V Ashley Miles 9.950  
UB Jeana Rice 9.900  
Shannon Hrozek 9.900  
FX Ashley Miles 9.950

## 2003

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 197.550
2. \*Auburn 196.350
3. Central Michigan 196.350

\*Advanced on the tie-breaker

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Kristin Sterner 39.625  
V Ashley Miles 9.950  
BB Kristin Sterner 9.950  
FX Ashley Miles 10.000

## 2002

### at Morgantown, W.Va.

1. Alabama 197.900
2. Minnesota 196.050
3. West Virginia 194.850

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Jeana Rice 39.625  
V Alexis Brion 9.900  
Jeana Rice 9.900  
UB Andréé Pickens 9.975  
BB Alexa Martinez 9.950  
Andréé Pickens 9.950  
Jeana Rice 9.950  
Kristin Sterner 9.950  
FX Andréé Pickens 9.950

## 2001

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 198.000
2. Arizona State 195.950
3. Minnesota 195.800

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Jeana Rice 39.475  
V Andréé Pickens 9.925  
Kristin Sterner 9.925  
UB Andréé Pickens 9.950  
BB Lissy Smith 9.950  
FX Jeana Rice 9.975

## 2000

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 197.300
2. Iowa State 196.100
3. Central Michigan 193.200

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Andréé Pickens 39.475  
UB Dara Stewart 9.975  
BB Lissy Smith 9.925  
FX Andréé Pickens 9.925

## 1999

### at Morgantown, WV

1. Alabama 196.625
2. West Virginia 195.275
3. NC State 194.900

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Robin Hawkins 39.225  
UB Andréé Pickens 9.875  
BB Lissy Smith 9.925  
FX Andréé Pickens 9.950

## 1998

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 196.550
2. Michigan 196.000
3. LSU 195.250

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- UB Dara Stewart 9.900  
BB Gina Logan 9.900  
Gwen Spidle 9.900  
Danielle McAdams 9.900

## 1997

### at Ann Arbor, Mich.

1. Michigan 197.700
2. Alabama 196.250
3. LSU 196.175

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Meredith Willard 39.625  
BB Meredith Willard 9.925

## 1996

### at Baton Rouge, La.

1. Alabama 198.075
2. Michigan 196.275
3. LSU 194.525

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Kim Kelly 39.750  
V Kim Kelly 9.950  
UB Meredith Willard 9.925  
Stephanie Woods 9.925  
BB Kim Kelly 9.900  
Meredith Willard 9.900  
Stephanie Woods 9.900  
FX Kim Kelly 10.00

## 1995

### at Ann Arbor, Mich.

1. Alabama 196.675
2. Michigan 195.725
3. LSU 195.075

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- V Kim Kelly 10.000  
UB Kim Bonaventura 9.850  
BB Stephanie Woods 9.950

## 1994

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 196.900
2. LSU 194.400
3. Michigan 193.600

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- FX Kim Kelly 9.925

## 1993

### at Baton Rouge, La.

1. Alabama 196.075
2. LSU 194.700
3. Auburn 194.200

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Dee Foster 39.800  
V Dee Foster 9.925  
BB Dee Foster 9.950  
FX Dee Foster 9.975

## 1992

### at Columbia, Mo.

1. Alabama 193.125
2. Michigan 189.775
3. Auburn 188.525

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- V Dee Foster 9.850  
BB Gina Basile 9.800  
FX Kara Stilp 9.700

## 1991

### at Auburn, Ala.

1. Alabama 195.575
2. Auburn 192.150
3. LSU 191.750

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Dee Foster 39.375  
V Kim Masters 9.850  
UB Dee Foster 9.825  
Katherine Kelleher 9.825  
BB Sheryl Dundas 9.925  
FX Dee Foster 9.925

## 1990

### at Minneapolis, Minn.

1. Alabama 194.150
2. LSU 190.850
3. Minnesota 188.650

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- V Marie Robbins 9.800  
BB Dana Dobransky 9.725  
FX Dee Foster 9.825

## 1989

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 192.750
2. LSU 187.550
3. Michigan State 186.700

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- UB Gina Basile 9.800  
Cheri Way 9.800  
BB Katherine Kelleher 9.700  
FX Tina Rinker 9.850

## 1988

### at Baton Rouge, La.

1. Alabama 191.750
2. LSU 190.050
3. Michigan State 187.150

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Kim Masters 38.600  
V Kim Masters 9.750  
UB Kim Masters 9.750  
Marie Robbins 9.750  
BB Kathy Bilodeau 9.700  
FX Cheri Way 9.750

## 1987

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 189.050
2. LSU 186.600
3. Michigan State 183.600

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Marie Robbins 38.150  
FX Cheri Way 9.700

## 1986

### at Baton Rouge, La.

1. LSU 185.250
2. Alabama 185.050
3. Michigan State 177.950

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Julie Estin 37.850  
UB Julie Estin 9.600  
FX Penney Hauschild 9.650

## 1985

### at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. Alabama 186.350
2. LSU 181.500
3. Michigan State 178.350

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Penney Hauschild 37.700  
V Cindy Wilson 9.550  
UB Penney Hauschild 9.550  
Barbara Mack 9.550  
BB Barbara Mack 9.600  
FX Kathy Bilodeau 9.550

## 1984

### at Columbia, Mo.

1. Alabama 180.500
2. Southern Illinois 173.550
3. Missouri 173.300

### Alabama Regional Champions-

- AA Julie Estin 37.350  
UB Penney Hauschild 9.400  
BB Julie Estin 9.200  
FX Julie Estin 9.400  
Penney Hauschild 9.400

## 1983

### at Gainesville, Fla.

1. Alabama 184.750
2. Florida 184.650
3. LSU 182.650

## 1982

### at Athens, Ga.

1. Florida 144.850
2. Alabama 143.900
3. Georgia 143.700

# ALABAMA AND THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

If there was any question that the Southeastern Conference is the most dominating gymnastics conference in the nation, it was laid to rest in 2009 when five of the teams that advanced to the NCAA Super Six Team final were from the SEC, including the top two teams, Georgia and Alabama. In fact, since the first NCAA championship in 1982, the SEC has had at least one team in the top-10 and since 1983, the conference has placed at least one team in the top-5 and at least two teams in the top-10. Alabama has been the league's top finisher at the NCAA Championships 12 times.

Each of the past 27 years, the conference has placed at least one team in the NCAA top-3 and in 1998 the national top-3 all hailed from the SEC, as Georgia, Florida and Alabama took first, second and third respectively. The SEC put a conference-high five teams in the national top-10 in 1993, 2003, 2008 and 2009. An SEC school has stood atop the collegiate gymnastics world as national champions 15 times since 1987, with Alabama winning five titles, the last coming in 2011.

The SEC has done well on an individual level as well with a conference athlete taking home the NCAA all-around title 14 times. Alabama athletes have been especially productive in that arena as four Crimson Tide athletes have produced five all-around titles (Jeana Rice 2004, Meredith Willard 1996, Dee Foster 1990, Penney Hauschild 1985 and 1986). From 1989-98, the conference claimed nine of the 10 all-around crowns, including six straight from 1993-98.

Of the 12 conference schools, seven sponsor gymnastics programs: Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and LSU.

## Alabama in the SEC

The Crimson Tide has won seven SEC Championships, the first coming in 1988 and the latest in 2011, as well as posting 22 top-two finishes. Individually, Alabama has tallied 56 conference crowns, including an incredible 39 titles since 2000. Last season, Geralen Stack-Eaton won the balance beam and floor exercise championships while Kayla Hoffman clinched the Tide's seventh SEC team title by winning the vault championship with a score of 9.95.

Hoffman was also named the SEC Female Athlete of the Year, an award that spans all sports offered by the league, marking the fifth time an Alabama gymnast has earned that title. Tide gymnasts alone have earned more SEC Female Athlete of the Year honors than all but one other school. The league's top scholar-athlete has come from the Tide three times.

The SEC Gymnast of the Year has hailed from Alabama six times, including Hoffman last season and the Freshman Gymnast of the Year has worn Alabama's crimson and white three times. In the classroom Alabama has earned SEC Academic Honor Roll honors 229 times, including a conference-record 16 in 2011.

## Alabama at the SEC Championships:

2011	1st	2000	1st	1989	2nd
2010	2nd	1999	2nd	1988	1st
2009	1st	1998	4th	1987	3rd
2008	2nd	1997	4th	1986	3rd
2007	3rd	1996	2nd	1985	2nd
2006	2nd	1995	1st	1984	3rd
2005	3rd	1994	2nd	1983	2nd
2004	2nd	1993	2nd	1982	2nd
2003	1st	1992	2nd	1981	3rd
2002	2nd	1991	2nd		
2001	2nd	1990	1st		



2011 SEC Balance Beam and Floor Exercise Champion  
Geralen Stack-Eaton

## Alabama's SEC Team Championships:

2011, 2009, 2003, 2000, 1995, 1990, 1988

## Alabama's Individual SEC Champions:

André Pickens - 7; Ashley Miles - 6; Jeana Rice - 6; Morgan Dennis - 6; Dee Foster - 4; Ricki Lebegern - 3; Ashley Priess - 2; Geralen Stack-Eaton - 2; Julie Estin - 2; Kim Kelly - 2; Barbara Mack - 1; Brittany Magee - 1; Casey Overton - 1; Dana Dobransky - 1; Gina Basile - 1; Julie Garrett - 1; Katherine Kelleher - 1; Kayla Hoffman - 1; Lissy Smith - 1; Marie Robbins - 1; Melanie Banville - 1; Natalie Barrington - 1; Patti Rice - 1; Penney Hauschild - 1; Stephanie Woods - 1; Terin Humphrey - 1

# ALABAMA'S SEC HONORS



**Kayla Hoffman**, pictured above with Commissioner Mike Slive, earned almost every accolade the Southeastern Conference has to offer in 2011, including the league's top honor when she was named the SEC Female Athlete of the Year. She was also the first in league history to win SEC Gymnast of the Year and SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in the same season. She earned an SEC Postgraduate Scholarship and was a finalist for the H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

## SEC Athlete of the Year



**Jeana Rice**  
2004



**André Pickens**  
2002



**Dee Foster**  
1990



**Penney Hauschild**  
1985



**Kristin Sterner**  
2003



**Meredith Willard**  
1997



**Julie Estin**  
1987

### SEC Athlete of the Year

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2004	Jeana Rice
2002	André Pickens
1990	Dee Foster
1985	Penney Hauschild

### H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year

2003	Kristin Sterner
1997	Meredith Willard
1987	Julie Estin

### SEC Gymnast of the Year

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2003	Jeana Rice
2002	André Pickens
2001	André Pickens
2000	André Pickens
1997	Meredith Willard

### SEC Gymnastics Freshman of the Year

1999	André Pickens
1998	Robin Hawkins
1994	Meredith Willard

## SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year

### SEC Postgraduate Scholarship

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2010	Kassi Price
2003	Kristin Sterner
2002	André Pickens
1997	Meredith Willard
1993	Dana Dobransky
1992	Katherine Kelleher
1990	Marie Robbins
1989	Kelly Good
1987	Julie Estin

### SEC Gymnastics Scholar-Athlete of the Year

2011	Kayla Hoffman
2005	Michelle Reeser

### SEC Community Service Team

2011	Alyssa Chapman
2010	Kassi Price
2009	Ricki Lebegern
2008	Ricki Lebegern
2007	Courtney Priess
2006	Dana Pierce
2005	Dana Pierce
2004	Stephanie Kite

### SEC Coach of the Year

2010	Sarah Patterson
2000	Sarah Patterson
1995	Sarah Patterson
1985	Sarah Patterson



## ALABAMA'S SEC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 2011 SEC Champions

The Crimson Tide started off the 2011 SEC Championships with a solid score on the uneven bars and proceeded to improve every rotation after that, finishing off with the best score of the night by any team on any event, when it scored a 49.5 on the vault. The Tide was on a bye for the last rotation, waiting in its "Bama Bubble" to see if anyone could catch them. In the end, second-place Florida came up a quarter of a point short and the Tide won title No. 7 with a 197.225.

Senior Kayla Hoffman won the vault with a 9.95 while junior Geralen Stack-Eaton won the balance beam and floor exercise with matching scores of 9.925. Hoffman and Stack-Eaton both earned first-team All-SEC honors, while sophomore Marissa Gutierrez and Ashley Sledge earned second-team honors. Sarah DeMeo, Kim Jacob and Diandra Milliner all earned second-team and freshman All-SEC honors.

### 2009 SEC Champions

Alabama rolled to its sixth SEC title with a complete team performance that saw everyone adding to the Crimson Tide's win. After finishing in second place by .025 in 2008, Alabama came back strong in 2009, out-pointing second place Georgia by .375, 197.300-196.925. Junior Morgan Dennis led the way with wins on the vault and floor exercise while junior Ricki Lebegern, sophomore Kayla Hoffman and freshman Ashley Priess all earned second-team All-SEC honors.

### 2003 SEC Champions

It was a battle from the word 'go'. But in the end, the youngest team Alabama had ever put on the floor won the program's fifth Southeastern Conference

team title, upending second place Georgia 197.575-197.525. Junior Jeana Rice was named SEC Gymnast of the Year after winning three events including the all-around. Freshman phenom Ashley Miles won the floor exercise with a 9.975 that clinched the Tide's victory. Sophomore Michelle Reeser earned second-team All-SEC honors on the balance beam and freshman Larissa Stewart was second-team All-SEC on the uneven bars.

### 2000 SEC Champions

Sarah Patterson and company couldn't have been much looser coming into the championships. Warm-ups in Florida's O'Connell Center were filled with laughter. Time in the locker room was spent playing games and singing along with CDs the Tide had brought along. And along with the laughter and the smiles there was a quiet confidence.

By the time Alabama finished up their last vault, they knew they had won the meet over LSU and Georgia, which tied for second, by .375. In addition to winning the all-around, vault and uneven bars, Andree Pickens earned All-SEC honors and was named SEC Gymnast of the Year. Her three SEC titles in one season matched Dee Foster's 1991 effort for best in Tide history.

### 1995 SEC Champions

Alabama was in Gainesville, Fla., for the SEC Championships and going into the last rotation, the vault, Alabama was fourth. Alabama responded with the highest vault total in NCAA history, counting nothing less than a 9.9. Freshman Merritt Booth and senior Chasity Junkin both posted career-best marks of 9.975. Junior Kim Kelly posted a perfect 10.0 to finish the series. Now the Tide had to wait and see if their best had been good enough. Even the coaches

didn't know until the scores were announced. Auburn was sixth, Kentucky fifth, Florida fourth, Georgia third, at this point a sigh of relief went up from the Crimson Tide contingent - they were at least second. LSU was second, and the Alabama contingent roared with the pleasure of winning by .05.

### 1990 SEC Champions

Alabama started the decade of the '90s off with a bang. Sarah and David Patterson and company won the 1990 SEC Championship in Athens, Ga. Senior Marie Robbins led the Tide, winning the all-around. It marked a triumphant return from an ankle injury that had cut short her 1989 season. And if Florida was Alabama's main rival in the early to mid '80s, Georgia stepped into that position in the late '80s through today which made the win in Athens all that much sweeter.

### 1988 SEC Champions

At the 1988 SEC Championships the Crimson Tide faced Georgia, LSU and Florida, all three of which were ranked in the top-10 nationally. All three, along with the Tide, would be in the hunt for the NCAA title come April.

The championships were in Tuscaloosa, where they had been in 1985, the year Alabama's captains, the senior duo of Alli Beldon and Kathy Bilodeau had been freshmen.

Alabama didn't claim a single individual title, but came away with its first conference crown, and an SEC championship record as well. UA's 190.15 marked only the second time in school history that it had scored in the 190s. The Tide outpointed second-place Georgia by .95.



# THE SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

**2011**
**at Birmingham, Ala.**

1	Alabama	197.225
2	Florida	196.975
3	Georgia	196.650
4	Arkansas	195.800
5	LSU	195.475
6	Auburn	195.325
7	Kentucky	193.950

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	Kayla Hoffman	9.950
BB	Geralen Stack-Eaton	9.925
FX	Geralen Stack-Eaton	9.925

**2010**
**at Jacksonville, Fla.**

1	Florida	197.050
2	Alabama	196.875
3	Georgia	196.825
4	LSU	195.750
5	Auburn	195.575
6	Arkansas	195.275
7	Kentucky	194.800

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	Morgan Dennis	9.900
BB	Ashley Priess	9.950
AA	Ashley Priess	39.500

**2009**
**at Nashville, Tenn.**

1	Alabama	197.300
2	Georgia	196.925
3	Florida	196.750
4	LSU	196.550
5	Auburn	196.350
6	Arkansas	195.650
7	Kentucky	195.000

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	Morgan Dennis	9.950
FX	Morgan Dennis	9.950

**2008**
**at Duluth, Ga.**

1.	Georgia	197.350
2.	Alabama	197.325
	Florida	197.325
4.	LSU	196.250
5.	Arkansas	194.550
6.	Auburn	194.475
7.	Kentucky	194.000

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	Morgan Dennis	9.950
	Ricki Lebegern	9.950
BB	Morgan Dennis	9.900
	Ricki Lebegern	9.900
	Casey Overton	9.900
FX	Morgan Dennis	9.950

**2007**
**at Little Rock, Ark.**

1.	Florida	197.325
2.	Georgia	197.175
3.	Alabama	197.000
4.	LSU	196.250
5.	Arkansas	194.550
6.	Auburn	194.475
7.	Kentucky	194.000

**Alabama SEC Champion-**

BB	Ricki Lebegern	9.900
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**2006**
**at Birmingham, Ala.**

1.	Georgia	197.275
2.	Alabama	196.975
3.	Florida	196.275
4.	LSU	195.900
5.	Auburn	194.975
6.	Arkansas	194.650
7.	Kentucky	191.150

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

UB	Melanie Banville	9.900
FX	Ashley Miles	9.950
	Brittany Magee	9.950

**2005**
**at Duluth, Ga.**

1.	Georgia	197.250
2.	LSU	196.975
3.	Alabama	196.700
4.	Florida	196.050
5.	Arkansas	195.225
6.	Auburn	195.125
7.	Kentucky	193.925

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	Ashley Miles	9.925
UB	Ashley Miles	9.950
	Terin Humphrey	9.950
FX	Ashley Miles	9.950

**2004**
**at Duluth, Ga.**

1.	Georgia	198.175
2.	Alabama	197.950
3.	LSU	197.275
4.	Florida	197.225
5.	Auburn	195.925
6.	Arkansas	194.825
7.	Kentucky	193.850

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	Jeana Rice	9.975
UB	Jeana Rice	9.950
FX	Ashley Miles	10.000
AA	Jeana Rice	39.850

**2003**
**at Birmingham, Ala.**

1.	Alabama	197.575
2.	Georgia	197.525
3.	Florida	195.950
4.	LSU	195.650
5.	Auburn	195.025
6.	Arkansas	194.875
	Kentucky	194.875

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

UB	Jeana Rice	9.925
BB	Jeana Rice	9.950
FX	Ashley Miles	9.975
AA	Jeana Rice	39.600

**2002**
**at Birmingham, Ala.**

1.	Georgia	197.025
2.	Alabama	196.925
3.	Florida	196.425
4.	LSU	196.225
5.	Auburn	194.325
	Kentucky	194.325

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	André Pickens	9.950
UB	André Pickens	9.950
BB	André Pickens	9.925
AA	André Pickens	39.725

**2001**
**at Birmingham, Ala.**

1.	Georgia	198.000
2.	Alabama	197.425
3.	Florida	196.450
4.	LSU	196.300
5.	Kentucky	195.850
6.	Auburn	194.500

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

UB	Natalie Barrington	9.950
BB	Lissy Smith	9.950

**2000**
**at Gainesville, Fla.**

1.	Alabama	197.200
2.	LSU	196.825
	Georgia	196.825
4.	Florida	195.775
5.	Kentucky	194.650
6.	Auburn	192.500

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	André Pickens	9.925
UB	André Pickens	9.925
AA	André Pickens	39.600

**1999**
**at Tuscaloosa, Ala.**

1.	Georgia	197.475
2.	Alabama	196.775
3.	Florida	195.875
4.	LSU	195.375
5.	Kentucky	194.875
6.	Auburn	194.000

**1998**
**at Baton Rouge, La.**

1.	Georgia	197.600
2.	Florida	196.725
3.	LSU	196.450
4.	Alabama	195.400
5.	Kentucky	193.600
6.	Auburn	192.425

**1997**
**at Athens, Ga.**

1.	Georgia	198.375
2.	Florida	196.050
3.	LSU	196.025
4.	Alabama	195.775
5.	Kentucky	195.075
6.	Auburn	192.550

**1996**
**at Lexington, Ky.**

1.	Georgia	197.450
2.	Alabama	196.950
3.	Florida	195.650
4.	Kentucky	195.250
5.	LSU	193.150
6.	Auburn	191.150

**Alabama SEC Champion-**

FX	Kim Kelly	9.950
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**1995**
**at Gainesville, Fla.**

1.	Alabama	196.175
2.	LSU	196.125
3.	Georgia	195.875
4.	Florida	195.650
5.	Kentucky	191.975
6.	Auburn	190.675

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	Kim Kelly	10.000
UB	Stephanie Woods	9.900

**1994**
**at Auburn, Ala.**

1.	Georgia	196.700
2.	Alabama	195.175
3.	LSU	194.150
4.	Florida	194.125
5.	Auburn	192.700
6.	Kentucky	189.750

**1993**
**at Tuscaloosa, Ala.**

1.	Georgia	197.050
2.	Alabama	196.050
3.	Auburn	193.200
4.	LSU	192.900
5.	Florida	192.100
6.	Kentucky	189.350

**Alabama SEC Champion-**

AA	Dee Foster	39.650
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**1992**
**at Baton Rouge, La.**

1.	Georgia	196.400
2.	Alabama	194.500
3.	Auburn	191.350
4.	Florida	189.600
5.	LSU	188.650
6.	Kentucky	185.950

**Alabama SEC Champion-**

BB	Dana Dobransky	9.900
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**1991**
**at Lexington, Ky.**

1.	Georgia	194.100
2.	Alabama	194.050
3.	LSU	192.400
4.	Florida	191.300
5.	Auburn	189.250
6.	Kentucky	186.000

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

V	Dee Foster	9.950
UB	Gina Basile	9.850
BB	Dee Foster	9.850
FX	Dee Foster	9.950

**1990**
**at Athens, Ga.**

1.	Alabama	193.550
2.	LSU	192.050
3.	Georgia	191.850
4.	Auburn	188.150
5.	Florida	188.000
6.	Kentucky	186.300

**Alabama SEC Champion-**

AA	Marie Robbins	38.800
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**1989**
**at Gainesville, Fla.**

1.	Florida	191.500
2.	Alabama	191.050
3.	Georgia	190.400
4.	LSU	187.900
5.	Kentucky	182.650
6.	Auburn	185.050

**Alabama SEC Champion-**

V	Katherine Kelleher	9.550
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**1988**
**at Tuscaloosa, Ala.**

1.	Alabama	190.150
2.	Georgia	189.200
3.	Florida	188.850
4.	LSU	187.400
5.	Kentucky	183.400
6.	Auburn	183.200

**1987**
**at Athens, Ga.**

1.	Georgia	189.400
2.	Florida	185.650
3.	Alabama	185.300
4.	LSU	184.450
5.	Auburn	181.400
6.	Kentucky	180.950

**1986**
**at Gainesville, Fla.**

1.	Georgia	185.150
2.	Florida	184.100
3.	Alabama	183.750
4.	LSU	176.600
5.	Kentucky	175.950
6.	Auburn	171.400

**Alabama SEC Champion-**

V	Julie Estin	9.550
UB	Julie Estin	9.550

**1985**
**at Tuscaloosa, Ala.**

1.	Florida	185.650
2.	Alabama	183.650
3.	Georgia	181.800
4.	LSU	180.500
5.	Kentucky	173.450
6.	Auburn	158.900

**Alabama SEC Champions-**

UB	Barbara Mack	19.050
AA	Penney Hauschild	37.700





# ALABAMA'S SEC CHAMPIONS

## 2011

**Alabama Team**  
Kayla Hoffman vault  
Geralen Stack-Eaton floor exercise  
balance beam

## 2010

Ashley Priess all-around,  
balance beam  
Morgan Dennis vault

## 2009

**Alabama Team**  
Morgan Dennis vault,  
floor exercise

## 2008

Morgan Dennis vault,  
floor exercise,  
balance beam  
Ricki Lebegern vault,  
balance beam  
Casey Overton balance beam

## 2007

Ricki Lebegern balance beam

## 2006

Melanie Banville uneven bars  
Brittany Magee floor exercise  
Ashley Miles floor exercise

## 2005

Terin Humphrey uneven bars  
Ashley Miles vault,  
uneven bars,  
floor exercise

## 2004

Jeana Rice all-around,  
vault,  
uneven bars  
Ashley Miles floor exercise

## 2003

**Alabama Team**  
Jeana Rice all-around,  
uneven bars,  
balance beam  
Ashley Miles floor exercise

## 2002

André Pickens all-around,  
vault,  
uneven bars,  
balance beam

## 2001

Natalie Barrington uneven bars  
Lissy Smith balance beam

## 2000

**Alabama Team**  
André Pickens all-around,  
vault,  
uneven bars

## 1996

Kim Kelly floor exercise

## 1995

**Alabama Team**  
Kim Kelly vault  
Stephanie Woods uneven bars

## 1993

Dee Foster all-around

## 1992

Dana Dobransky balance beam

## 1991

Gina Basile uneven bars  
Dee Foster vault,  
balance beam,  
floor exercise

## 1990

**Alabama Team**  
Marie Robbins all-around

## 1989

Katherine Kelleher vault

## 1988

**Alabama Team**

## 1986

Julie Estin vault,  
uneven bars

## 1985

Penney Hauschild all-around  
Barbara Mack uneven bars

## 1983

Patti Rice floor exercise

## 1982

Julie Garrett uneven bars



Geralen Stack-Eaton

# ALABAMA'S ALL-SEC

## 2011

Sarah DeMeo (BB\*#)  
Kayla Hoffman (AA, V)  
Marissa Gutierrez (V, FX\*)  
Kim Jacob (BB, FX\*#)  
Diandra Milliner (AA\*#)  
Ashley Sledge (FX\*)  
Geralen Stack-Eaton (AA, BB, FX)

## 2010

Morgan Dennis (V)  
Kayla Hoffman (UB\*, FX\*)  
Ricki Lebegern (AA\*)  
Ashley Priess (AA, BB)

## 2009

Morgan Dennis (V, FX)  
Kayla Hoffman (V\*, BB\*)  
Ricki Lebegern (AA\*)  
Ashley Priess (V\*#)  
Geralen Stack-Eaton (AA#)  
Caitlin Sullivan (BB#)

## 2008

Ricki Lebegern (V, BB)

Morgan Dennis (AA, V, BB, FX)  
Casey Overton (BB)  
Kayla Hoffman (V\*#)  
Kassi Price (UB\*)

## 2007

Ricki Lebegern (BB)  
Morgan Dennis (AA\*)

## 2006

Melanie Banville (UB)  
Brittany Magee (FX)  
Ashley Miles (FX)

## 2005

Terin Humphrey (UB)  
Ashley Miles (V, UB, FX)

## 2004

Ashley Miles (FX)  
Jeana Rice (AA, V, UB)

## 2003

Ashley Miles (FX)  
Jeana Rice (AA, UB, BB)  
Michelle Reeser (BB\*)  
Larissa Stewart (UB\*)

## 2002

André Pickens (AA, V, UB, BB)  
Alexis Brion (FX\*)  
Natalie Barrington (UB\*)  
Raegan Tomasek (FX\*)

## 2001

Natalie Barrington (UB)  
André Pickens (AA)  
Jeana Rice (AA)  
Lissy Smith (BB)  
Kristin Sterner (AA)

## 2000

André Pickens (AA, V, UB)  
Kristin Sterner (AA)

## 1998

Mandy Chapman (AA)

## 1997

Mandy Chapman (AA)

## 1996

Kim Kelly (AA, FX)  
Meredith Willard (AA)

## 1995

Kim Kelly (V)  
Stephanie Woods (UB)

## 1994

Kim Kelly (AA)

## 1993

Dee Foster (AA)

## 1992

Dana Dobransky (AA)  
Katherine Kelleher (AA)

## 1991

Gina Basile (UB)  
Dee Foster (V, BB, FX)

## 1990

Dee Foster (AA)  
Marie Robbins (AA)

## 1989

Katherine Kelleher (AA)  
Kim Masters (AA)  
Tina Rinker (AA)

## 1988

Kim Masters (AA)  
Tina Rinker (AA)  
Marie Robbins (AA)

## 1987

Julie Estin (AA)

## 1986

Julie Estin (AA)  
Penney Hauschild (AA)

## 1985

Julie Estin (AA)  
Penney Hauschild (AA)

## 1984

Julie Estin (AA)

## 1983

Julie Garrett (AA)  
Patti Rice (AA)

## 1982

Julie Garrett (AA)

\* - denotes second team honor  
# - denotes freshman honor

# ALABAMA'S SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

While it is evident that Alabama gymnastics is one of the nation's best teams in the gym, it is absolutely dominant when it comes to the classroom. The best barometer of such success on a conference level is the SEC Academic Honor Roll, instituted in 1984, and a league-best 229 Alabama gymnasts have earned the award. The Crimson Tide has averaged over 10 honors a year since 2000 including a program best 16 in 2011. From 1984-2001 the honor roll was open to all gymnasts sophomore class or better in academic standing. Starting in 2002, the awards were determined by the academic year (fall and spring semester) or cumulative GPA, making freshmen eligible for the first time.

## 2011

Becca Alexin	Soph. General Health Studies
Olivia Carisella	Fr. Food & Nutrition
Alyssa Chapman	Sr. Psychology
Sarah DeMeo	Fr. General Health Studies
Ria Domier	Fr. Chemical Engineering
Lindsey Fowler	Fr. Restaurant & Hospitality Mgt.
Marissa Gutierrez	Soph. Human Environmental Sciences
Kayla Hoffman	Sr. Human Dev. & Family Studies
Kim Jacob	Fr. Exercise Science
Megan Mashburn	Sr. General Health Studies
Jordan Moore	Fr. Interdisciplinary
Ashley Priess	Jr. Spanish
Ashley Sledge	Soph. Public Relations
Geralen Stack-Eaton	Jr. Telecommunications & Film
Rachel Terry	Jr. Early Childhood Education
Hannah Toussaint	Fr. Communicative Disorders

## 2010

Courtney Bell	Fr. Human Environmental Sciences
Alyssa Chapman	Sr. Psychology
Morgan Dennis	Sr. Psychology
Jocelyn Fowler	Soph. Human Dev. & Family Studies
Marissa Gutierrez	Fr. Human Environmental Sciences
Mary Hauswirth	Fr. Chemical Engineering
Kayla Hoffman	Jr. Human Dev. & Family Studies
Ricki Lebegern	Sr. Exercise Science
Megan Mashburn	Jr. General Health Studies
Casey Overton	Sr. Psychology
Kassi Price	Sr. Marketing & Advertising
Ashley Priess	Soph. Spanish
Ashley Sledge	Fr. Public Relations
Geralen Stack-Eaton	Soph. Telecommunications & Film
Rachel Terry	Soph. Early Childhood Education

## 2009

Alyssa Chapman	Jr. Psychology
Morgan Dennis	Jr. Psychology
Jocelyn Fowler	Fr. Exercise Science
Kayla Hoffman	Soph. Human Dev. & Family Studies
Ricki Lebegern	Jr. Exercise Science
Brittany Magee	Sr. Criminal Justice
Megan Mashburn	Soph. General Health Studies
Amanda Montgomery	Sr. Management
Ashley O'Neal	Sr. Restaurant & Hospitality Mgt.
Casey Overton	Jr. Psychology
Kassi Price	Jr. Marketing & Advertising
Ashley Priess	Jr. Exercise Science
Jacqueline Shealy	Jr. Public Relations
Rachel Terry	Fr. Human Environmental Sciences

## 2008

Alyssa Chapman	Soph. Pre-Physical Therapy
Morgan Dennis	Soph. Pre-Major Studies
Kayla Hoffman	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Jennifer Iovino	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Ricki Lebegern	Soph. Exercise Science
Brittany Magee	Jr. Criminal Justice
Cassie Martin	Jr. Interdisciplinary
Megan Mashburn	Fr. General Health Studies
Amanda Montgomery	Jr. Management
Ashley O'Neal	Jr. Restaurant & Hospitality Mgt.
Casey Overton	Soph. Pre-Major Studies
Kassi Price	Soph. Pre-Business
Kaitlin White	Sr. Consumer Sciences

## 2007

Morgan Dennis	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Terin Humphrey	Jr. Criminal Justice
Ricki Lebegern	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Brittany Magee	Soph. Criminal Justice
Cassie Martin	Soph. Interdisciplinary
Amanda Montgomery	Soph. Pre-Business
Casey Overton	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Kassi Price	Fr. Pre-Business
Erin Rightley	Sr. Psychology

## 2006

Melanie Banville	Fr. Human Environmental Science
Mari Bayer	Sr. Nutrition
Ashley Ford	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Rachael Delahoussaye	Sr. Pre-Medicine
Dana Filetti	Sr. Restaurant & Hospitality Mgt.
Terin Humphrey	Soph. Pre-Psychology
Ashley Miles	Sr. Advertising
Cassie Martin	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Amanda Montgomery	Fr. Human Environmental Science
Ashley O'Neal	Fr. Pre-Business
Dana Pierce	Sr. Physical Education
Courtney Priess	Fr. Communication
Bianca Puello	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Erin Rightley	Jr. Psychology

## 2005

Mari Bayer	Jr. Nutrition
Rachael Delahoussaye	Jr. Pre-Medicine
Shannon Hrozek	Sr. Consumer Science
Meredith Laxton	Soph. Restaurant & Hospitality Mgt.
Dana Pierce	Jr. Physical Education
Michelle Reeser	Sr. Accounting
Erin Rightley	Soph. Psychology

## 2004

Mari Bayer	Soph. Nutrition
Rachael Delahoussaye	Soph. Pre-Medicine
Johnna Gay	Fr. Elementary Education
Lauren Holdefer	Sr. Psychology
Shannon Hrozek	Jr. Consumer Science
Stephanie Kite	Sr. International Marketing
Meredith Laxton	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Ashley Miles	Soph. Advertising
Michelle Reeser	Jr. Accounting
Erin Rightley	Fr. Pre-Physical Therapy
Larissa Stewart	Soph. Pre-Medicine

## 2003

Mari Bayer	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Rachael Delahoussaye	Fr. Pre-Medicine
Lauren Holdefer	Jr. Psychology
Shannon Hrozek	Soph. Consumer Science
Stephanie Kite	Jr. International Marketing
Dana Pierce	Fr. Physical Education
Michelle Reeser	Soph. Accounting
Kristin Sterner	Sr. Biology

## 2002

Natalie Barrington	Sr. Sports Fitness Mgt.
Helen Burgin	Soph. Elementary Education
Tiffany Byrd	Soph. Pre-Medicine
Erin Holdefer	Soph. Public Relations
Lauren Holdefer	Soph. Psychology
Shannon Hrozek	Fr. Pre-Major Studies
Stephanie Kite	Soph. Marketing
Alexa Martinez	Sr. Advertising
Whitney Morgan	Sr. Secondary Education
Andree Pickens	Sr. Biology
Jeana Rice	Soph. Advertising
Sara Scarborough	Jr. Nursing
Kristin Sterner	Jr. Biology
Raegan Tomasek	Jr. Restaurant & Hospitality Mgt.

## 2001

Natalie Barrington	Jr. Sports Fitness Mgt.
Krista Gole	Jr. Health Care Mgt.
Robin Hawkins	Sr. Telecommunication/Film
Katie Hornecker	Sr. Mechanical Engineering
Alexa Martinez	Jr. Advertising
Whitney Morgan	Jr. American Studies
Andree Pickens	Jr. Biology
Sara Scarborough	Soph. Human Nutrition
Lissy Smith	Sr. Psychology
Kristin Sterner	Soph. Pre-Major Studies
Dara Stewart	Sr. Human Development
Raegan Tomasek	Jr. Human Nutrition

## 2000

Natalie Barrington	Soph. Elementary Education
Krista Gole	Soph. Pre-Business
Lexa Evans	Sr. Journalism
Robin Hawkins	Jr. Telecommunication/Film
Katie Hornecker	Jr. Mechanical Engineering
Gina Logan	Sr. Health Care Mgt.
Alexa Martinez	Soph. Advertising
Whitney Morgan	Soph. Biology
Andree Pickens	Soph. Biology
Lissy Smith	Jr. Psychology
Dara Stewart	Jr. Human Development
Raegan Tomasek	Soph. Nutrition

## 1999

Mandy Chapman	Sr. Food & Nutrition
Lexa Evans	Jr. Journalism
Robin Hawkins	Soph. Telecommunication/Film
Katie Hornecker	Soph. Chemical Engineering
Gina Logan	Jr. Health Care Mgt.
April Makinson	Soph. Human Development
Lissy Smith	Soph. Elementary Education
Gwen Spidle	Sr. Social Work
Dara Stewart	Soph. Pre-Major Studies

## 1998

Merritt Booth	Sr. Psychology
Mandy Chapman	Jr. Food & Nutrition
Lexa Evans	Soph. Journalism
Becca Fields	Soph. Pre-Major studies
Gina Logan	Soph. Health Care Mgt.
Danielle McAdams	Sr. Sports Fitness Mgt.
Shay Murphy	Sr. Biology

## 1997

Merritt Booth	Jr. Psychology
Mandy Chapman	Soph. Biology
Lisa Gianni	Soph. Interior Design
Gina Logan	Soph. Health Care Mgt.
Danielle McAdams	Jr. Sports Fitness Mgt.
Shay Murphy	Jr. Biology
Heather Nasser	Jr. Education
Meredith Willard	Sr. Marketing

## 1996

Merritt Booth	Soph. Pre-Major Studies
Kim Kelly	Sr. Elementary Education
Danielle McAdams	Soph. Pre-Business
Shay Murphy	Soph. Biology
Heather Nasser	Soph. Early Child. Education
Marna Neubauer	Sr. Early Child. Education
Meredith Willard	Jr. Marketing

## 1995

Chasity Junkin	Sr. Accounting
Kim Kelly	Jr. Elementary Education
Marna Neubauer	Jr. Elementary Education
Meredith Willard	Soph. Pre-Business

## 1994

Sheryl Dundas	Sr. Accounting
Chasity Junkin	Jr. Accounting
Kara Stulp	Sr. Marketing
Gretchen Stockley	Jr. Sports Psychology
Marti Watson	Sr. Management

## 1993

Dana Dobransky	Sr. Telecommunication/Film
Sheryl Dundas	Jr. Interdisciplinary
Chasity Junkin	Soph. Pre-Major Studies
Gretchen Stockley	Soph. Pre-Medicine

## 1992

Gina Basile	Sr. Advertising
Dana Dobransky	Jr. Telecommunication/Film
Sheryl Dundas	Soph. Pre-Major Studies
Katherine Kelleher	Sr. Corporate Finance
Shea McFall	Sr. Corporate Finance
Kara Stulp	Soph. Pre-Major Studies
Marti Watson	Soph. Human Environmental Science

## 1991

Dana Dobransky	Soph. Communication
Katherine Kelleher	Jr. Corporate Finance
Shea McFall	Jr. Corporate Finance
Tina Rinker	Sr. Chemical Engineering

## 1990

Gina Basile	Soph. Communication
Ali Blumberg	Sr. Recreation & Park Leadership
Katherine Kelleher	Soph. Commerce & Business
Shea McFall	Soph. Arts & Sciences
Tina Rinker	Jr. Chemical Engineering
Marie Robbins	Sr. Interdisciplinary
Tracey Tillman	Sr. Public Relations
Cheri Way	Sr. Advertising

## 1989

Wendy Anderson	Soph. Sports Fitness Mgt.
Kelly Good	Sr. Interdisciplinary
Tina Rinker	Soph. Engineering
Marie Robbins	Jr. Interdisciplinary
Tracey Tillman	Jr. Advertising
Cheri Way	Jr. Advertising

## 1988

Alli Beldon	Sr. Marketing
Kathy Bilodeau	Sr. Public Relations
Kelly Good	Jr. Biology
Marie Robbins	Soph. Arts & Sciences
Tracey Tillman	Soph. Communications

## 1987

Alli Beldon	Jr. Interdisciplinary
Kathy Bilodeau	Jr. Public Relations
Julie Estin	Sr. Mathematical Stats

## 1986

Alli Beldon	Soph. Fashion Marketing
Julie Estin	Jr. Pre-Medicine
Stephanie Kehr	Soph. Marketing

## 1985

Julie Estin	Soph. Pre-Medicine
Barbara Mack	Sr. Political Science

## 1984

Barbara Mack	Jr. Political Science
Patti Rice	Soph. Marketing

## ALABAMA YEAR-BY-YEAR



**2011** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 11-1-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 1st | Regional 1st | SEC 1st

**The Team:**

Becca Alexin, So.  
Olivia Carisella, Fr.  
Alyssa Chapman, Sr.  
Sarah DeMeo, Fr.  
Ria Domier, Fr.  
Lindsey Fowler, Fr.  
Marissa Gutierrez, So.  
Kayla Hoffman, Sr.  
Kim Jacob, Fr.  
Megan Mashburn, Sr.  
Diandra Milliner, Fr.  
Jordan Moore, Fr.  
Ashley Priess, Jr.  
Ashley Sledge, So.  
Geralen Stack-Eaton, Jr.  
Rachel Terry, Jr.  
Hannah Toussaint, Fr.

**Head Coach:**

Sarah Patterson

**Volunteer Coach:**

David Patterson

**Assistant Coach:**

Bryan Raschilla

**Assistant Coach:**

Dana Duckworth



**2009** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 8-5-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 2nd | Regional 1st | SEC 1st

**The Team:**

Alyssa Chapman, Jr.  
Morgan Dennis, Jr.  
Jocelyn Fowler, Fr.  
Kayla Hoffman, So.  
Ricki Lebegern, Jr.  
Brittany Magee, Sr.  
Megan Mashburn, So.  
Amanda Montgomery, Sr.  
Ashley O'Neal, Sr.  
Casey Overton, Jr.  
Erika Pearson, Fr.  
Kassi Price, Jr.  
Ashley Priess, Fr.  
Jacqueline Shealy, Jr.  
Geralen Stack-Eaton, Fr.  
Caitlin Sullivan, Fr.  
Rachel Terry, Fr.

**Head Coach:**

Sarah Patterson

**Volunteer Coach:**

David Patterson

**Assistant Coach:**

Bryan Raschilla

**Assistant Coach:**

Dana Duckworth



**2007** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 8-2-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 9th | Regional 1st | SEC 3rd

**The Team:**

Alyssa Chapman, Fr.  
Morgan Dennis, Fr.  
Terin Humphrey, Jr.  
Ricki Lebegern, Fr.  
Brittany Magee, So.  
Cassie Martin, So.  
Amanda Montgomery, So.  
Ashley O'Neal, So.  
Casey Overton, Fr.  
Kassi Price, Fr.  
Courtney Priess, So.  
Erin Rightley, Sr.  
Jacqueline Shealy, Fr.  
Kaitlin White, Jr.

**Head Coach:**

Sarah Patterson

**Assistant Head****Coach:**

David Patterson

**Assistant Coach:**

Bryan Raschilla

**Volunteer Coach:**

Dana Duckworth



**2010** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 9-2-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 3rd | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

**The Team:**

Becca Alexin, Fr.  
Courtney Bell, Fr.  
Alyssa Chapman, Sr.  
Morgan Dennis, Sr.  
Jocelyn Fowler, So.  
Marissa Gutierrez, Fr.  
Mary Hauswirth, Fr.  
Kayla Hoffman, Jr.  
Ricki Lebegern, Sr.  
Megan Mashburn, Jr.  
Casey Overton, Sr.  
Erika Pearson, So.  
Kassi Price, Sr.  
Ashley Priess, So.  
Ashley Sledge, Fr.  
Geralen Stack-Eaton, So.  
Rachel Terry, So.

**Head Coach:**

Sarah Patterson

**Volunteer Coach:**

David Patterson

**Assistant Coach:**

Bryan Raschilla

**Assistant Coach:**

Dana Duckworth



**2008** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 10-4-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 6th | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

**The Team:**

Alyssa Chapman, So.  
Morgan Dennis, So.  
Kayla Hoffman, Fr.  
Terin Humphrey, Sr.  
Jennifer Iovino, Fr.  
Ricki Lebegern, So.  
Brittany Magee, Jr.  
Cassie Martin, Jr.  
Megan Mashburn, Fr.  
Amanda Montgomery, Jr.  
Ashley O'Neal, Jr.  
Casey Overton, So.  
Kassi Price, So.  
Courtney Priess, Jr.  
Jacqueline Shealy, So.  
Kaitlin White, Sr.

**Head Coach:**

Sarah Patterson

**Assistant Head****Coach:**

David Patterson

**Assistant Coach:**

Bryan Raschilla

**Volunteer Coach:**

Dana Duckworth



**2006** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 14-1-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 3rd | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

**The Team:**

Melanie Banville, Fr.  
Mari Bayer, Sr.  
Rachael Delahoussaye, Sr.  
Dana Filetti, Sr.  
Ashley Ford, Fr.  
Terin Humphrey, So.  
Brittany Magee, Fr.  
Cassie Martin, Fr.  
Ashley Miles, Sr.  
Amanda Montgomery, Fr.  
Ashley O'Neal, Fr.  
Dana Pierce, Sr.  
Courtney Priess, Fr.  
Erin Rightley, Jr.  
Kaitlin White, So.

**Head Coach:**

Sarah Patterson

**Assistant Head****Coach:**

David Patterson

**Assistant Coach:**

Bryan Raschilla

**Volunteer Coach:**

Dana Duckworth



**2005** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 11-3-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 2nd | Regional 1st | SEC 3rd

## The Team:

Mari Bayer, Jr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Alexis Brion, Sr.	Sarah Patterson
Brittany Comeaux, So.	<b>Assistant Head</b>
Rachael Delahoussaye, Jr.	<b>Coach:</b>
Dana Filetti, Jr.	David Patterson
Shannon Hrozek, Sr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Terin Humphrey, Fr.	Bryan Raschilla
Meredith Laxton, So.	<b>Volunteer Coach:</b>
Ashley Miles, Jr.	Dana Duckworth
Dana Pierce, Jr.	
Michelle Reeser, Sr.	
Erin Rightley, So.	
Jessie Silver, Fr.	
Kaitlin White, Fr.	



**2003** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 10-7-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 2nd | Regional 1st | SEC 1st

## The Team:

Mari Bayer, Fr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Alexis Brion, So.	Sarah Patterson
Rachael Delahoussaye, Fr.	<b>Assistant Head</b>
Dana Filetti, Fr.	<b>Coach:</b>
Lauren Holdefer, Jr.	David Patterson
Shannon Hrozek, So.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Stephanie Kite, Jr.	Bryan Raschilla
Ashley Miles, Fr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Dana Pierce, Fr.	Dana Duckworth
Lauren Pruitt, Fr.	
Michelle Reeser, So.	
Jeana Rice, Jr.	
Kristin Sterner, Sr.	
Larissa Stewart, Fr.	



**2001** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 15-2-1  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 4th | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Natalie Barrington, Jr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Helen Burgin, Fr.	Sarah Patterson
Tiffany Byrd, Fr.	<b>Assistant Head</b>
Robin Hawkins, Sr.	<b>Coach:</b>
Erin Holdefer, Fr.	David Patterson
Lauren Holdefer, Fr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Katie Hornecker, Sr.	Bryan Raschilla
Stephanie Kite, Fr.	<b>Volunteer Coach:</b>
Alexa Martinez, Jr.	Tom Haley
Whitney Morgan, Jr.	
André Pickens, Jr.	
Jeana Rice, Fr.	
Sara Scarborough, So.	
Lissy Smith, Sr.	
Kristin Sterner, So.	
Dara Stewart, Sr.	
Raegan Tomasek, Jr.	



**2004** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 12-1-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 3rd | Regional 2nd | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Mari Bayer, So.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Alexis Brion, Jr.	Sarah Patterson
Brittany Comeaux, Fr.	<b>Assistant Head</b>
Rachael Delahoussaye, So.	<b>Coach:</b>
Dana Filetti, So.	David Patterson
Johnna Gay, Fr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Lauren Holdefer, Sr.	Bryan Raschilla
Shannon Hrozek, Jr.	<b>Volunteer Coach:</b>
Stephanie Kite, Sr.	Dana Duckworth
Meredith Laxton, Fr.	
Ashley Miles, So.	
Dana Pierce, So.	
Michelle Reeser, Jr.	
Jeana Rice, Sr.	
Erin Rightley, Fr.	
Larissa Stewart, So.	



**2002** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 12-3-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 1st | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Natalie Barrington, Sr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Alexis Brion, Fr.	Sarah Patterson
Helen Burgin, So.	<b>Assistant Head</b>
Tiffany Byrd, So.	<b>Coach:</b>
Erin Holdefer, So.	David Patterson
Lauren Holdefer, So.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Shannon Hrozek, Fr.	Bryan Raschilla
Stephanie Kite, So.	<b>Volunteer Coach:</b>
Alexa Martinez, Sr.	Dana Duckworth
Whitney Morgan, Sr.	
André Pickens, Sr.	
Michelle Reeser, Fr.	
Jeana Rice, So.	
Sara Scarborough, Jr.	
Kristin Sterner, Jr.	
Raegan Tomasek, Sr.	



**2000** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 14-3-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 5th | Regional 1st | SEC 1st

## The Team:

Natalie Barrington, So.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Lexa Evans, Sr.	Sarah Patterson
Krista Gole, So.	<b>Assistant Head</b>
Robin Hawkins, Jr.	<b>Coach:</b>
Katie Hornecker, Jr.	David Patterson
Gina Logan, Sr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
April Makinson, Jr.	Bryan Raschilla
Alexa Martinez, So.	<b>Volunteer Coach:</b>
Whitney Morgan, So.	Tom Haley
André Pickens, So.	
Sara Scarborough, Fr.	
Lissy Smith, Jr.	
Kristin Sterner, Fr.	
Dara Stewart, Jr.	
Raegan Tomasek, So.	

## ALABAMA YEAR-BY-YEAR



**1999** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 8-3-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 3rd | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

**The Team:**

Natalie Barrington, Fr.  
Mandy Chapman, Sr.  
Lexa Evans, Jr.  
Krista Gole, Fr.  
Robin Hawkins, So.  
Katie Hornecker, So.  
Gina Logan, Jr.  
April Makinson, So.  
Alexa Martinez, Fr.  
Whitney Morgan, Fr.  
André Pickens, Fr.  
Lissy Smith, So.  
Gwen Spidle, Sr.  
Dara Stewart, So.  
Raegan Tomasek, Fr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Head Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Bryan Raschilla  
**Volunteer Coach:**  
Dana Dobransky



**1997** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 13-2-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 9th | Regional 2nd | SEC 4th

**The Team:**

Kim Bonaventura, Sr.  
Merritt Booth, Jr.  
Mandy Chapman, So.  
Lexa Evans, Fr.  
Becca Fields, Fr.  
Lisa Gianni, So.  
Lauren Graffeo, Fr.  
Heidi Harriman, Fr.  
Gina Logan, Fr.  
Danielle McAdams, Jr.  
Shay Murphy, Jr.  
Heather Nasser, Jr.  
Rachel Rochelli, Fr.  
Gwen Spidle, So.  
Meredith Willard, Jr.  
Stephanie Woods, Sr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Head Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Bryan Raschilla



**1995** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 15-1-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 2nd | Regional 1st | SEC 1st

**The Team:**

Kim Bonaventura, So.  
Merritt Booth, Fr.  
Chasity Junkin, Sr.  
Kim Kelly, Jr.  
Danielle McAdams, Fr.  
Shay Murphy, Fr.  
Heather Nasser, Fr.  
Marna Neubauer, Jr.  
Meredith Willard, So.  
Stephanie Woods, So.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Scott Mackall



**1998** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 10-3-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 3rd | Regional 1st | SEC 4th

**The Team:**

Merritt Booth, Sr.  
Mandy Chapman, Jr.  
Lexa Evans, So.  
Becca Fields, So.  
Robin Hawkins, Fr.  
Katie Hornecker, Fr.  
Gina Logan, So.  
April Makinson, Fr.  
Danielle McAdams, Sr.  
Shay Murphy, Sr.  
Lissy Smith, Fr.  
Gwen Spidle, Jr.  
Dara Stewart, Fr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Head Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Bryan Raschilla  
**Volunteer Coach:**  
Dana Dobransky



**1996** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 12-1-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 1st | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

**The Team:**

Kim Bonaventura, Jr.  
Merritt Booth, So.  
Mandy Chapman, Fr.  
Lisa Gianni, Fr.  
Kim Kelly, Sr.  
Danielle McAdams, So.  
Shay Murphy, So.  
Heather Nasser, So.  
Marna Neubauer, Sr.  
Gwen Spidle, Fr.  
Meredith Willard, Jr.  
Stephanie Woods, Jr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Scott Mackall



**1994** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 7-3-1  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 2nd | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

**The Team:**

Kim Bonaventura, Fr.  
Keri Duley, Sr.  
Sheryl Dundas, Sr.  
Kim Gigante, Fr.  
Chasity Junkin, Jr.  
Kim Kelly, So.  
Marna Neubauer, So.  
Kara Stilp, Sr.  
Gretchen Stockley, Jr.  
Marti Watson, Sr.  
Meredith Willard, Fr.  
Stephanie Woods, Fr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Scott Mackall





**1993** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 9-2-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 2nd | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Dana Dobransky, Sr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Keri Duley, Jr.	Sarah Patterson
Sheryl Dundas, Jr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Dee Foster, Sr.	David Patterson
Chasity Junkin, So.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Kim Kelly, Fr.	Scott Mackall
Marna Neubauer, Fr.	
Jenny McKernan, Fr.	
Kara Stilp, Jr.	
Gretchen Stockley, So.	
Marti Watson, Jr.	



**1991** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 16-0-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 1st | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Gina Basile, Jr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Dana Dobransky So.	Sarah Patterson
Keri Duley, Fr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Sheryl Dundas, Fr.	David Patterson
Dee Foster, So.	
Katherine Kelleher, Jr.	
Shea McFall, Jr.	
Kim Masters, Sr.	
Tina Rinker, Sr.	
Kara Stilp, Fr.	
Marti Watson, Fr.	



**1989** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 13-3-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 3rd | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Wendy Anderson, So.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Gina Basile, Fr.	Sarah Patterson
Ali Blumberg, Jr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Kelly Good, Sr.	David Patterson
Katherine Kelleher, Fr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Kim Masters, So.	Marc Cohen
Michelle Maxwell, Fr.	
Shea McFall, Fr.	
Tina Rinker, So.	
Marie Robbins, Jr.	
Tracey Tillman, Jr.	
Cheri Way, Jr.	



**1992** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 8-4-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 3rd | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Gina Basile, Sr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Dana Dobransky, Jr.	Sarah Patterson
Keri Duley, So.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Sheryl Dundas, So.	David Patterson
Dee Foster, Jr.	
Chasity Junkin, Fr.	
Katherine Kelleher, Sr.	
Shea McFall, Sr.	
Kara Stilp, So.	
Gretchen Stockley, Fr.	
Holly Voorheis, Fr.	
Marti Watson, So.	



**1990** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 14-1-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 2nd | Regional 1st | SEC 1st

## The Team:

Gina Basile, So.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Ali Blumberg, Sr.	Sarah Patterson
Dana Dobransky, Fr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Dee Foster, Fr.	David Patterson
Katherine Kelleher, So.	
Shea McFall, So.	
Kim Masters, Jr.	
Tina Rinker, Jr.	
Marie Robbins, Sr.	
Tracey Tillman, Sr.	
Cheri Way, Sr.	



**1988** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 14-3-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 1st | Regional 1st | SEC 1st

## The Team:

Wendy Anderson, Fr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Alli Beldon, Sr.	Sarah Patterson
Kathy Bilodeau, Sr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Ali Blumberg, So.	David Patterson
Kelly Good, Jr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Kim Masters, Fr.	Marc Cohen
Susie Pierce, Fr.	
Tina Rinker, Fr.	
Marie Robbins, So.	
Tracey Tillman, So.	
Cheri Way, So.	

# ALABAMA YEAR-BY-YEAR



**1987** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 12-5-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 4th | Regional 1st | SEC 3rd

## The Team:

Wendy Anderson, Fr.  
Alli Beldon, Sr.  
Kathy Bilodeau, Sr.  
Ali Blumberg, So.  
Kelly Good, Jr.  
Kim Masters, Fr.  
Susie Pierce, Fr.  
Tina Rinker, Fr.  
Marie Robbins, So.  
Tracey Tillman, So.  
Cheri Way, So.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Marc Cohen



**1985** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 16-4-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 4th | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Alli Beldon, Fr.  
Kathy Bilodeau, Fr.  
Julie Estin, So.  
Lisa Farley, Fr.  
Penney Hauschild, Jr.  
Stephanie Kehr, Fr.  
Barbara Mack, Sr.  
Patti Rice, Sr.  
Cindy Wilson, So.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Marc Cohen



**1983** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 15-1-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 4th | Regional 1st | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Denise Balk, Sr.  
Beverly Fry, Fr.  
Julie Garrett, Sr.  
LuAnn Guzzetti, Sr.  
Penney Hauschild, Fr.  
Stacey Helm, Fr.  
Nora Kirk, So.  
Patricia Kleckner, Sr.  
Barbara Mack, So.  
Patti Rice, So.  
Ann Wilhide, Sr.  
Wendy Wilfong, Fr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson



**1986** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 18-2-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 3rd | Regional 2nd | SEC 3rd

## The Team:

Alli Beldon, So.  
Kathy Bilodeau, So.  
Julie Estin, Jr.  
Lisa Farley, So.  
Kelly Good, Fr.  
Penney Hauschild, Sr.  
Jamie Jenkins, Fr.  
Stephanie Kehr, So.  
Patty O'Donohue, Fr.  
Cindy Wilson, Jr.  
Ann Winston, Fr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
Marc Cohen



**1984** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 15-5-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
NCAA 6th | Regional 1st | SEC 3rd

## The Team:

Julie Estin, Fr.  
Beverly Fry, So.  
Penney Hauschild, So.  
Stacey Helm, So.  
Nora Kirk, Jr.  
Barbara Mack, Jr.  
Patti Rice, Jr.  
Wendy Wilfong, Fr.  
Cindy Wilson, Fr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Patterson  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson



**1982** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 17-2-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
AIAW: 4th | Regional 2nd | SEC 2nd

## The Team:

Angie Alexander, So.  
Denise Balk, Jr.  
Kim Drane, Fr.  
Julie Garrett, Jr.  
LuAnn Guzzetti, Jr.  
Nora Kirk, Fr.  
Patti Kleckner, Jr.  
Barbara Mack, Fr.  
Ann Wilhide, Jr.

**Head Coach:**  
Sarah Campbell  
**Assistant Coach:**  
David Patterson



**1981** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 14-1-0  
CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
SEC 4th

## The Team:

Angie Alexander, Fr.	Ann Wilhide, So.
Cindy DeLucas, Fr.	
Alison Green, So.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
LuAnn Guzzetti, So.	Sarah Campbell
Patti Kleckner, So.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Stacy Murin, So.	David Patterson
Lisa Palk, So.	



**1979** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 7-7-0

## The Team:

Debra Bodley, Jr.	Ann Wood, So.
Leslie Chrisman, Fr.	
Judie Norton, Jr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Snow White, Sr.	Sarah Campbell
Kathy Willis, So.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
Stacey Willis, Fr.	David Patterson



**1977** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 1-7-0

## The Team:

Cindy Beckler, So.	Janice Stramiello, So.
Melissa Hunt, Fr.	Snow White, So.
Beth Mandy, So.	
Judie Norton, Fr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Patty Sprado, So.	Phyllis Draper
Carla Spruill, So.	



**1980** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 16-4-0

## The Team:

Susan Blake, Fr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Beth Cook, Jr.	Sarah Campbell
Alison Green, Fr.	<b>Assistant Coach:</b>
LuAnn Guzzetti, Fr.	David Patterson
Patti Kleckner, Fr.	
Stacy Murin, Fr.	
Judie Norton, Sr.	
Lisa Palk, Fr.	
Ann Wilhide, Fr.	



**1978** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 6-7-0

## The Team:

Holley Brauer, So.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Cindy Dorman, Jr.	Tom Steele
Beth Mandy, Jr.	
Judie Norton, So.	
Patty Sprado, Jr.	
Snow White, Jr.	
Kathy Willis, Fr.	
Ann Wood, Fr.	



**1976** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 3-7-0

## The Team:

Cindy Beckler, Fr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Sherry Johnson, Fr.	Sheila Hill
Beth Mandy, So.	
Becky Payne, Fr.	
Patty Sprado, Fr.	
Beth Troxell, Fr.	
Harriet Troxell, Fr.	
Snow White, Fr.	



**1975** REGULAR SEASON RECORD — 4-4-0

## The Team:

Deane Chapman, Fr.	Francie Scarborough, So.
Carmen Charnock, Fr.	Susan Smith, So.
Lucy Harris, Sr.	Janice Stramiello, So.
Joy Kelly, Sr.	
Pam McAneny, Jr.	<b>Head Coach:</b>
Debbie Moore, So.	Riki Sutton



## ALABAMA RECORDS

## Team Records

## Team Total

198.075	NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96
198.025	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/26/96
198.000	NCAA Regional 4/3/01
197.975	Auburn 3/1/03
197.950	SEC Championships 3/20/04
197.925	Florida 1/30/04
197.900	NCAA Regional 4/6/02
197.825	LSU 3/6/99
197.800	UMass 2/21/99
197.725	Michigan 3/12/04
197.675	Georgia 2/25/11
197.675	NCAA Champ.-Super Six 4/16/11
197.650	UCLA 3/16/02
197.600	LSU 1/23/04
197.575	NCAA Champ.- Super Six 4/19/02
197.575	SEC Championship 3/29/03
197.575	NCAA Champ. Super Six 4/17/09
197.550	Georgia 3/1/96
197.550	Georgia 2/20/04
197.525	Penn State 3/17/01
197.500	Georgia 2/16/01
197.475	Auburn 1/26/07
197.425	SEC Championship 3/23/01
197.425	Kentucky 3/8/02
197.400	LSU 2/14/03
197.400	NCAA Champ. - 4/22/05
197.375	Auburn 3/16/07
197.350	LSU 2/2/01
197.350	Auburn 2/27/09
197.325	LSU 2/21/97
197.325	Arkansas 2/27/04
197.325	SEC Championship 3/29/08
197.300	NCAA Regional 4/1/00
197.300	NCAA Regional 4/12/08
197.300	Penn State 3/14/08
197.300	SEC Championships 3/21/09
197.275	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/25/03
197.275	Kentucky 2/18/11
197.275	NCAA Regional 4/2/11
197.250	Georgia 2/15/02
197.250	LSU 3/2/07

## Vault

49.775	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/26/96
49.750	SEC Championships 3/35/95
49.675	Georgia 2/20/04
49.650	Kentucky 2/26/10
49.625	SEC Championships 3/20/04
49.625	Auburn 3/1/03
49.625	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/22/05

## Uneven Bars

49.625	NCAA Regional 4/7/01
49.600	Penn State 2/19/99
49.575	NCAA Regional 4/6/02
49.550	NCAA Regional 4/13/96
49.550	Minnesota 1/30/99
49.550	Auburn 1/30/00

## Balance Beam

49.725*	NCAA SE Regional 4/6/02
49.625	UMass 1/21/99
49.550	Georgia 1/18/03
49.525	Georgia 2/25/11
49.500	NCAA Regional 4/8/95
49.500	Quad Meet 3/8/97
49.500	NCAA Regional 4/2/11

## Floor Exercise

49.700	Georgia 2/16/01
49.675	SEC Championships 3/20/04
49.650	Auburn 3/21/08
49.625	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/26/96
49.625	Auburn 3/1/03
49.600	Nebraska 2/2/02
49.600	Kentucky 3/8/03
49.600	Georgia 3/15/03
49.600	SEC Championships 3/29/03
49.600	Super Six Challenge 1/9/04
49.600	Florida 1/30/04
49.600	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/22/05

\* NCAA Record

## Individual Records

## All-Around

39.850	André Pickens	UCLA 3/16/02
39.850	Jeana Rice	SECs 3/20/04
39.800	Dee Foster	NCAA Central Regional 4/3/93, NCAA - Super Six 4/16/93
39.775	Meredith Willard	Quad Meet 3/8/97
39.750	Dee Foster	Kentucky 1/30/93, Georgia 2/26/93
39.750	Kim Kelly	LSU 3/18/94, NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96
39.750	Jeana Rice	Michigan 1/31/03, Georgia 3/15/03

## Vault

10.000	Dee Foster	Georgia 3/14/92, Auburn 1/16/93, Georgia 1/22/93, Kentucky 1/30/96, NCAA - Super Six 4/16/96
10.000	Kim Kelly	Georgia 3/12/94, Georgia 3/4/95, SEC 3/25/95, NCAA Central Regional 4/8/95, Auburn 3/19/96, NCAA - Super Six 4/26/96
10.000	Danielle McAdams	NCAA - Super Six 4/26/96
10.000	André Pickens	UMass 2/21/99, Kentucky 2/26/99, LSU 2/8/02, UCLA 3/16/02
10.000	Ashley Miles	Auburn 3/1/03, NCAA Prelims 4/24/03, NCAA Event Finals 4/26/03, Florida 1/30/04, Kentucky 2/13/04, LSU 1/21/05, Auburn 2/4/05, NCAA - Super Six 4/22/05
10.000	Jeana Rice	Georgia 3/15/03
9.975	Kim Kelly	LSU 3/18/94, SEC Champ. 3/26/94, NCAA 4/21/94
9.975	Chasity Junkin	SEC Champ. 3/25/95
9.975	Merritt Booth	SEC Champ. 3/25/95
9.975	Kim Bonaventura	Kentucky 2/7/97
9.975	André Pickens	Nebraska 2/2/02, Georgia 2/15/02, Florida 2/22/02, Auburn 3/1/02
9.975	Jeana Rice	Kentucky 3/8/03, Arkansas 2/27/04, SECs 3/20/04
9.975	Ashley Miles	Georgia 3/15/03, Kentucky 2/11/05, Georgia 2/18/05, Auburn 1/27/06
9.975	Alexis Brion	Georgia 2/20/04, Michigan 3/12/04
9.975	Kayla Hoffman	UCLA Quad 3/9/08
9.975	Morgan Dennis	Arkansas 1/22/10, Kentucky 2/26/10
9.975	Ricki Lebegern	Florida 2/12/10

## Uneven Bars

10.000	Dee Foster	LSU 2/12/93
10.000	André Pickens	Minnesota 1/30/99, UMass 2/21/99, Georgia 3/4/00, Georgia 2/16/01, Auburn 2/10/02
10.000	Natalie Barrington	Georgia 2/16/01
9.975	Stephanie Woods	NCAA - Event Finals 4/27/96
9.975	André Pickens	Auburn 1/22/99, Penn State 2/19/99, Regionals 4/6/02
9.975	Dara Stewart	NCAA Regional 4/1/00
9.975	Jeana Rice	Michigan 1/31/03, LSU 1/23/04

## Balance Beam

10.000	Dana Dobransky	Georgia 2/26/93, NCAA - Event Finals 4/17/93
10.000	Stephanie Woods	Kentucky 2/7/97
10.000	Raegan Tomasek	UMass 2/21/99
10.000	Jeana Rice	Georgia 1/18/03
9.975	Danielle McAdams	Florida 1/24/97
9.975	Lissy Smith	UMass 2/21/99
9.975	Jeana Rice	SECs 3/20/04

## Floor Exercise

10.000	Dee Foster	SE Missouri St./Minnesota 2/6/93, Georgia 2/26/93
10.000	Kim Kelly	NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96, NCAA - Super Six 4/26/96, NCAA - Event Finals 4/27/96
10.000	Meredith Willard	LSU 2/21/97, Quad Meet 3/8/97
10.000	Shay Murphy	Utah State 3/14/98
10.000	Ashley Miles	NCAA Central Regional 4/12/03, SECs 3/20/04, NCAA - Super Six 4/22/05
9.975	Dee Foster	NCAA Central Regional 4/3/93
9.975	Kim Kelly	LSU 3/18/94, NCAA - Event Finals 4/23/94, NCAA - Prelims 4/25/96
9.975	André Pickens	Minnesota 1/30/99, UCLA 3/16/02
9.975	Jeana Rice	Georgia 2/16/01, NCAA Central Regional 4/7/01
9.975	Kristin Sterner	Georgia 2/16/01, Nebraska 2/2/02, Auburn 3/1/03
9.975	Michelle Reeser	Auburn 2/10/02
9.975	Morgan Dennis	Auburn 1/26/07, Auburn 3/21/08, Florida 2/12/10



## COLEMAN COLISEUM RECORDS

### Individual Records

#### All-Around

39.850 Andreé Pickens (Alabama) 3/16/02

#### Vault

10.00 Dee Foster (Alabama) 1/30/93  
 Hope Spivey-Sheeley (Georgia) 2/26/93  
 Jenny Hansen (Kentucky) 3/20/93, 4/25/96  
 Kim Kelly (Alabama) 3/4/95, 3/16/96, 4/26/96  
 Kim Arnold (Georgia) 3/4/95  
 Leah Brown (Georgia) 4/25/96, 4/26/96, 4/27/96  
 Danielle McAdams (Alabama) 4/26/96  
 Andreé Pickens (Alabama) 2/26/99, 3/16/02  
 Ashley Miles (Alabama) 3/1/03, 4/12/03, 1/30/04, 1/21/05,  
 2/4/05  
 Jeana Rice (Alabama) 3/15/03

#### Uneven Bars

10.00 Dee Foster (Alabama) 2/12/93  
 Andreé Pickens (Alabama) 1/30/99, 3/4/00, 2/24/01  
 Natalie Barrington (Alabama) 2/24/01

#### Balance Beam

10.00 Dana Dobransky (Alabama) 2/26/93  
 Stephanie Woods (Alabama) 2/7/97

#### Floor Exercise

10.00 Dee Foster (Alabama) 2/6/93  
 Hope Spivey-Sheeley (Georgia) 2/26/93, 3/20/93  
 Kim Kelly (Alabama) 4/26/96, 4/27/96  
 Heidi Hornbeek (Arizona) 4/27/96  
 Meredith Willard (Alabama) 2/21/97, 3/8/97  
 Shay Murphy (Alabama) 3/14/98  
 Ashley Miles (Alabama) 4/12/03

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#### Uneven Bars

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#### Balance Beam

49.500 Alabama 3/8/97  
 49.500 UCLA 4/26/96

#### Floor Exercise

49.700 Alabama 2/16/01





Miles



VAULT

## ADDING UP CRIMSON TIDE SUCCESS

**1** Alabama has finished No. 1 in the nation five times. The first time came in 1988 and the latest was in 2011. The Tide is one of only four programs in NCAA history to win an NCAA title.

**2** Alabama has finished in the top-2 nationally 12 times since first breaking into the top-10 in 1983.

**3** Three Crimson Tide gymnasts have been named the H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, an award that spans all sports and all schools.

**4** Four Crimson Tide gymnasts have earned the NCAA Today's Top VIII award, which honors the nation's top eight senior student-athletes regardless of gender or NCAA Division.

**5** Five Crimson Tide gymnasts have been named Southeastern Conference Female Athlete of the Year, an award that spans all sports and all schools.

**6** Six times an Alabama Gymnast has been named the SEC Gymnast of the Year, including Kayla Hoffman last season.

**7** Alabama has won the Honda Award for Gymnastics, which recognizes the national gymnast of the year, seven times, including Kayla Hoffman in 2011.

**8** Alabama has sold out Coleman Coliseum to the tune of 15,000-plus fans eight times since 1997, including last season's meet against Auburn.

**9** Nine Alabama gymnasts have been named NCAA Woman of the Year for the State of Alabama since the award's inception

in 1991 including four that went on to be named top-10 finalists for the award. Those figures lead the nation with the next closest program having four.

**10** Alabama gymnasts have earned 10 Southeastern Conference Postgraduate Scholarships, a total that leads all gymnastics programs.

**12** Alabama gymnasts have earned 12 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships over the years, a total that leads the nation by a healthy margin.

**17** Dee Foster's 17 first-team All-American honors stands as the NCAA career record.

**22** Individual national titles are hard to come by, but the Crimson Tide has won 22 individual NCAA Championships. Over the last decade Alabama has won 10 individual titles.

**26** The Crimson Tide has won an NCAA-best 26 regional titles, including last year's Tuscaloosa Regional championship.

**29** The Crimson Tide has gone to 29 consecutive NCAA Championships, the second longest streak in the championship history.

**34** For 34 years, Alabama has been led by Sarah and David Patterson, a span that has included unprecedented success in the gym, the classroom and in the lives of their gymnasts.

**162** Alabama gymnasts have earned Scholastic All-American honors 162 times since the award's inception in 1991.

**229** Since the award was first given in 1984, Alabama gymnasts have earned SEC Academic Honor Roll honors 229 times, more than two-dozen better than the next school. That total includes an SEC-record 16 last season.

**261** Every year Alabama has some of the nation's top gymnasts, which is why every year, Alabama adds to its All-American count. Since 1982, the Crimson Tide has had 61 gymnasts rack up 261 honors.

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**ASHLEY SLEDGE**

**RACHEL TERRY**

**GERALEN STACK-EATON**

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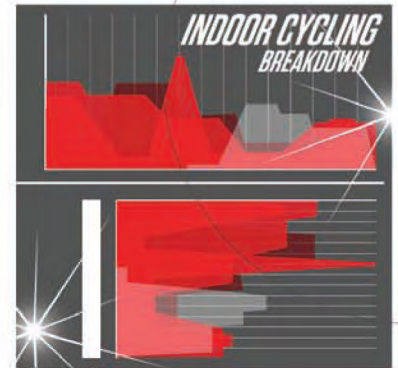
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